1883 — January —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary Womans Executive Comtee

1883, Jany 1st To — Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Hudson, N.Y.
Thank you in the name of Home Missions for accepting the duty to which elected, at least for the time being. You will appreciate the importance of what I now ask. It is that you will prepare from the "Minutes" in hand a report of the meeting held in Dr. Crosby's Lecture Room for publication in Presbyterian Home Missions.

1883, Jany 5, To — Rev. Alexander K. Baird, Wyoming, Iowa.
We had long consultation yesterday on the subject of small conventions. One conclusion was to ask you to report to Mrs. S. S. Bryan, 164 Robinson St, Allegheny, Penna., on Saturday February third, then for three weeks or more move onward to attend a series of meetings in western Pennsylvania. It is a rich region, from which if the Lord will, and the boring is wisely done, the rocks "may pour us out rivers of oil."

1883, Jany 9, Mrs. William Fewsmith, Camden, N.J.
I am thankful that Dr. Timothy Hill can plan to be with you on Thursday next, the 11th instant, and will telegraph you when to expect Mrs. D. M. Miller, who was connected with the Mission Board of Long Island for sometime but now is a secretary in our Executive Committee, and will give details as to the needs of our work.

1883, Jany 9, Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
We would like you to go right on to the center of Pennsylvania. Have you been able to have the "type-writer" put in order? Our Committee wants very much to have Mrs Miller receive it soon, so as to learn to use it.

1883, Jany 11, Rev. R. L. Stewart, Danville, Penna. (Later, 1908, Author of "Sheldon Jackson", Biography)
Dr. Jackson has given me your letter in reference to a proposed Convention in the interest of Home Missions. We have reserved Sunday, Feby 25th, and Monday, Feby 26th for him to be in Danville, and are very pleased that you are planning to make this occasion an opportunity for organizing a Presbyterial Society.

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1883, Janiy 10, Rev. Mr. Cochrane, Mendham, N.J.
This will introduce to you, Mrs. Charles E. Walker of Colorado, who can tell, partly from her own observations, something of the need of mission work in the west.

1883, Janiy 16, Mrs. J. E. Brown, 44 W. 49th St., New York, N.Y.
The delay of desks for which your society raised money, is explained by the fact that we are obliged to wait until our orders for furniture will complete a carload, and thus save expense in freight. An organ and a bell have been sent by friends in Troy, New York, for the Garfield Memorial Chapel at Hyrum, Utah. Perhaps your interest in that field will include its various incidental needs.

1883, Janiy 16, Mrs. S. H. McMullin, Glendale, Ohio,
I am hurrying our printer so as to have you receive blanks for reports in early February. I am sorry that Mrs Olds is so much out of health that she cannot give more help. I learn that Dr. George L. Little and Mrs. Little of Omaha, Nebraska are assigned to Ohio as speakers, with, of course, the help of local pastors. Mrs. Little is one of our Vice-Presidents and already had done essential service in such convention meetings.
(NOTE. Dr. Little passed away suddenly, January 25, at Omaha, Nebraska.)

1883, Janiy 17, Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Covington, Tioga Co., Pa.
Rev. Dr. A. H. Baird writes in a letter received this morning that he will be on hand at the time appointed, February 3d, at Pittsburgh. Will you write Mrs. Bryan to know whether you should appear there at the same time? Your success in securing so many dates is remarkable. This morning I heard of a Baltimore church that was sending twelve "boxes" to Home Mission families and could do nothing more!

1883, Janiy 17, Mrs. McCauley, 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Dr. Sheldon Jackson's idea was to fill the time between January 27th and February 4th inclusive, but to reserve Sundays so he might preach to larger audiences in more than one church and thus reach more people.

1883, Jany 17. Miss F. E. Lauderdale, Geneseo, N. Y.

After its meeting of December thirteenth, I was hoping the Synodical Committee would send out a full report of what was done to all its absent members, but Mrs. J. L. Graham, who was very cordially elected president, has been sick, or rather, quite feeble, and nothing has moved forward as yet. But you may have seen Miss Hubbard's report in the "New York Evangelist."

I hope we may see you at Saratoga next May, if not before in New York.

1883, Jany 17, Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah.

By the blessing of God upon special effort to spread the information required by a number of short conventions in eastern synods we may be able to undertake larger things another year, and that funds will be raised up to put Salt Lake Institute on a permanent footing as a college.

1883, Jany 19, Mrs. K. P. Bryan, Allegheny, Pa.

I want to explain a little more about these small conventions and the reason especially for having them. — Primarily, they are intended to be local, not necessarily for more than one church, and therefore will not conflict with any more general meetings held. Meetings in small towns or in the country often have a larger attendance than in larger cities, and information is so greatly needed there. This is about the only season when we can have speakers from the west. All but one of those now to serve in these meetings have come east to visit theological seminaries to get men for their respective fields. We detain them only somewhat longer.

1883, Jany 19, Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

We are much disappointed as well as yourselves that the way at present seems hedged for doing anything for the full-blood Creek Indians, but we are not hopeless about it by any means. God will open the way for what is according to His will, and we join you in looking to Him about your people, you dear fair-haired Saxon, whose loving enthusiasm will be turned to some good account, so we must believe. Send us the required certificates that are to be presented to the Board of Home Missions so they may be in hands when the time arrives for a commission to be granted you. Thus we shall avoid delay.

1883, Janiy 19, Rev. D. J. McMillan, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Enclosed are names of nine teachers ready to go to Utah, if we could have promises of money to support them. Will you send a short article to the Presbyterian Home Missions showing how the places and teachers are ready, and the money is minus? We are trying to increase interest by a series of Home Mission Conventions in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and I hope Illinois and Indiana, with Synodical Missionaries as the principal speakers to cooperate with local helpers.
Our president, Mrs. Ashbel Green, asks me to ask you which of our best missionary teachers can be spared to come east to make a good impression in speaking for the cause, especially at our Annual Meeting at Saratoga next May.

1883, Janiy 20, Rev. Wm Speer, D.D., 69 Second Ave., New York,
It is a mystery when the Presbytery of New York clogs the wheels of progress by failing to take action. Especially when they are supposed to be friendly to a good cause. The immigration of the Chinese is so abnormal in character, reversing the usual order by bringing the heathen to us. It may be difficult for some good people, even ministers, to adjust their minds to such a reversal of conditions, It cannot be that Presbytery wishes nothing to be done. I do think your idea to write up the facts regarding these "Strangers" so as to train public sentiment is a good one. You can use the Observer and Evangelist. I think your time for that will be spent well. If the matter is postponed at the February meeting, it might be well to ask whether Presbytery wishes to have nothing done.

1883, Janiy 23, Rev. George C. Noyes, D.D., Evanston, Illinois.
We are greatly pleased by the action your committee is taking in Illinois, and hope the women will seize the advantages gained from the conventions. Dr. Dinsmore's plan to have the Woman's Synodical committee of Home Missions meet at Bloomington on February 27th and 28th to organize, pleased us much, and will have the endorsement of our Executive Committee.

1883, Janiy 26, Mrs. George L. Little, Omaha, Nebraska,
When the news of your husband's death came last evening, I told Dr. Kendall that more definite work was planned for Dr. Little in February and March than for any other man in the Presbyterian Church, considering all the places he was to visit to present the cause of Home Missions.

1883 — January

Excerpts from Letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883-Janu 29 — To Mrs. L. J. Whitaker, 1107 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. —

You are right about annual reports. There might be confusion if a second blank were sent in addition to your own this year.

I would like to make the official relation of your work plain if I can. The Woman's Board of the Southwest has no direct relation to the synods and presbyteries in the organization of our church. You are a voluntary association of Presbyterian women for both Home and Foreign missions as carried on by the Presbyterian church. It is upon this voluntary principle that all the women's Foreign Missionary Societies in our Presbyterian churches are established. They have no authority from synods and presbyteries and no responsibility to them but are accepted cordially by our Board of Foreign Missions as co-helpers.

In Home Missions as now established, women have now attained a recognized place in the synods and presbyteries of the church. Each synod has appointed a Synodical Committee of women who are responsible for the preparation of a report to be presented each year at the regular annual meeting of Synod. This committee is as much a part of the synod as any other in its organization.

As the wrong Board of the Southwest you have no direct relation to these authorities in our church. You are a voluntary association of Presbyterian women contributing to the causes of Home and Foreign missions. As the synods of Kansas, Missouri and Texas have appointed Women's Synodical Committees, they have by that action secured the authority of our church for the Women's Home Missionary Societies within their boundaries.

Money is so scarce and the demands for it are so great that I fear we shall be unable to employ any new teachers before fall.

After we have acquired all possible information, our committee is required to ask the Board of Home Missions to grant a Commission for a teacher, before we can send one to the field. Each applicant must secure signatures to four kinds of certificates required by our Board before the commission can be granted. As you ask an explanation of one of these, I enclose a marked copy.

1883 — January —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883 - Jany 30, To - Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., Saratoga, N. Y.

I send word now in good season to tell you that our Woman's Executive Committee does not propose to have an evening for Home Missions separate from that of the Board of Home Missions during the General Assembly. The secretaries of that Board say that our work is so thoroughly conjoined with theirs - indeed, a very part of it - that there is no propriety in making the distinction of holding a separate meeting.

We shall want an all-day meeting for women and shall be grateful for advice as to which day is best.

Happily the complecations as to women's work in New York Synod are now solved, as Mrs. Graham's Board of Missions will be after the conclusion of this fiscal year, March 31st, a purely Foreign Missions Society, and the Home Missions will be in charge of the Woman's Synodical Committee of which I enclose a list.

During General Assembly we shall want to hold daily a meeting for prayer and better acquaintance and wish to have a room of moderate size near the place where the Assembly will meet.

1883 — February —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883 Feby 1 — To Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Covington, Penna.

I am writing Mrs. Bryan that you are ready to go at her call by telegram. We desire that you go to as many places as possible where meetings can be planned. I have told Mrs. Bryan to send you where it may be possible to have personal conversation with women who would become interested even if they hold no meetings.

1883 Feby 3 — To Miss Dyer —

After the meetings in Western Pennsylvania could you go to Ohio? It was our plan to have Dr. and Mrs. L. Little, of Omaha, Nebr. go there, but God has suddenly called Dr. Little up higher, and meetings in that state must be postponed. I do not know of any Ohio woman to do that work. I write this to ask whether you can go to Ohio, if desired, as a representative of our Executive Committee, without any reference to your position in the Pennsylvania Synodical Society.

It is a comfort to make a request of one who will answer without considering her own feelings or convenience, but asks only: "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do?"

1883 Feby 3 — To Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth, N. J.

I do not see how I can attend your Foreign Missionary meeting nor can I accept Mrs. Pierson's invitation for next Monday. If I can leave home at all I must go to see my sister who is still confined to her bed or chair.

The Foreign Missionary Society of Elizabeth (Westminster Church) must elect a president to take my place. I could not bear to break the chain, so weakly consented to have my name stand, but it has proved as I supposed. I do not really have the time to attend your meetings.

1883 Feby 3 — To — Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.

Having consulted Mr. Boyd as to the amount of money given for the purpose, I have bought a "baby-organ" to send to Mrs. Lillie Paul. Her husband's name is Louie. You can imagine what excitement this organ and your box will cause when they reach Alaska. The Indians will respect their teachers more when they see how friends at a distance care for them.

1883_ February —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, Secretary

1883_Feby 3_ To Miss Elizabeth M. Craig, Hazlewood, Pa. (23d Ward, Pittsburgh)
Your letter received yesterday interested me much as every such application does. Although we do not yet know what the prospects will be for sending more teachers this spring or fall we are willing to correspond about this important subject. x x Could you talk with Mrs. S.S. Scovel, of Pittsburgh? She is one of our Vice-presidents and will advise you wisely.

1883_Feby 3_ To Mrs. B.A. Moore, Huntington, Indiana.
As to speaking in meeting: remember the words_ "the fire burned, then spake I with my tongue." I believe you cannot keep silence when the occasion is offered. We must be wise about this, not pushing forward unduly, but when we have opportunity we must tell of the needs so imperative in our own land!

1883_Feby — Mrs. W. D. Brandon, Butler —
We think the annual report blank is a good reminder of duty, and should be sent to very church in a presbytery. Where a presbyterial society has not been organized, and there is no presbyterial secretary to distribute the blanks, two methods are available for their distribution: one, is to send the blanks to the person whose name heads the list of the Synodical Committee; the second method is to send a blank to the pastor of each church. Another year organization will be in better condition for regular work, we hope.

1883_Feby_ Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

1883_Feby Publications and Leaflets on hands at Office of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, 23 Center Street, New York City, N.Y.

1883_Feby 16_ To Mrs. M.E. Church, Troy, N.Y.
A recent letter from Sitka, Alaska, tells us the new building is not yet finished; but the boys have had to sleep in it because floods lifted up their waves" there as well as in our western rivers, and the temporary house occupied was partly carried away. We need money to furnish the new building. We need money to permit more boys to enter the schools. Scholarships are $100.— each.

1883 — February 1

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883-Feby 16 — To Mrs. B. F. Potter, Schenectady, N.Y.
We have been able to make an arrangement with the Board of Home Missions about special gifts × × × that will prove more satisfactory to societies. But we must use care lest in multiplying special gifts, the regular running expenses of schools, teachers salaries and the erection of Chapel school-rooms go without provision.

1883-Feby 19 — To Mrs Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N. J.
I went this afternoon to inquire about Mrs. Graham and found she had passed away quietly about ten o'clock this morning. She had been unconscious for more than twenty four hours. If you would like us to meet on the day of the last services will you please send notices?

1883-Feby 20 — Mrs S. C. Perkins, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penna.
Will you please give me information regarding Miss Fanny Perley, recently returned from India. We are asked to send her as a missionary to Utah. Do you know of any reason why we should not do so?

1883-Feby 20 — To Miss E. W. Craig, Pittsburgh, Penna.
It is not probable that we shall send out new teachers before fall, but various conditions must be taken into account. I endose copies of the certificates required by our Board of Home Missions before granting a commission.

1883-Feby 20, — To Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Penna.
I have seen Mr. Boyd regarding donations for the Wolcott Mission Home. He knows of only $300. — given towards it. × × I saw Dr. Jackson on Wednesday when he stopped over for Mrs. Graham's funeral.

1883-February — copy of letter addressed to Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
by Maxwell Phillips.

"If you find a teacher for Ocaté (New Mexico) it is better that she take her ticket to Wagon Mound (some forty miles north of Las Vegas) and that her baggage and any freight be sent there too in care of Messrs Smidt and Reinkin" From Wagon Mound, Messrs Smidt and Reinkin might be able to find a conveyance for her to go on to Ocaté, some twenty-five miles. If not, she could remain there and write to Andres Maes, Ocaté, who would send for her."

Yours, Maxwell Phillips

1883— February —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883_Feby 23_ Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Bloomington, Ills.

I hear from Dr. Armstrong how bravely you are going through a trying series of meetings. He speaks of severe weather. as I understand it, the Illinois meetings will close at Rockford, March second.

A series of meetings in Ohio begins at Cincinnati, March 5th, I had hoped Miss F. A. Dyer would be able to take them but has been ill and I fear we cannot have her.

I know you must be exhausted but, if you could give us help there without injury to your health we would be grateful.

1883_Feby 27, Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Bloomington, Illinois.

It is my pleasant duty to inform you that yesterday you were most cordially elected Vice-President of our Woman's Executive for Colorado. We thank God for qualifying you in so many ways to do good service in this cause.

The Illinois meetings we are sure will probe a blessing. Dr. Roberts is invited to speak in Chicago next Sunday. Now, about Cincinnati, There seems little prospect that Miss Dyer can go. If you ought not, please telegraph. I have written that you may be there Saturday or Monday.

1883_Feby 27 To_ Rev. Timothey Hall, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.

At our Committee Meeting yesterday I was directed to send to you a most cordial vote of thanks for the great help you have given to our particular work in Home Missions as well as to the general cause. In Illinois especially to say nothing of New Jersey and Pennsylvania your addresses have done great good. We trust the blessing from above will follow the seed-sowing

1883 — March —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883 — March 1 — To Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N. J.

As Mrs. Langdon was leaving me recently she said Mr. Langdon wished her to discontinue doing the "Box work". She said, and with good reason, that Mrs. Miller who is here at headquarters can much more conveniently secure information regarding the missionaries applying for boxes. I promised to see what could be done. I have been thinking that correspondence with Sunday schools and Mission Bands would be just the right line of interest for her because of her experience in interesting children in missions. In addition she writes a pleasing letter in a good readable hand that would win young correspondents. She could have the Sunday schools in charge, pressing the work as may seem expedient. The "Box Work" may take more of Mrs. Miller's time than we have supposed was necessary for it, I fear we have not appreciated all that Mrs. Langdon has been doing these last four years.

1883, Mar. 5 — To — Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah.

What are your ideas exactly as to necessary preparation for converting the Salt Lake Institute into a College? It seems to me that there would be some advantage in developing definite plans if such could be put in shape for consideration at the time of General Assembly. I have heard some talk of a College in Montana.

1883 — Mar 6 — To — Mrs. Green, Tenafly, N. J.

Mrs. James seems to like the idea of having Mrs. Langdon take the correspondence with Sunday schools and Children's Bands.

I feel thankful that Home Mission methods will be simplified by the recent action of the Ladies' Board of Missions of New York, and that this was done while Mrs. Graham was with us to have a part in it, and to be the first President of the New York Synodical Committee.

1883 — Mar. 6, To — Mrs. Dr. Aikman, Madison, N. J.

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1883 — March —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883 - Mar. 10 - To - Mrs. Dennis S. Hamlin, Troy, N.Y.
Mrs. Walker has been in Illinois and Ohio, addressing meetings with great blessing. If you want a good speaker in the fall you could hardly do better. She has shown every sort of good quality for these past six weeks in a work, difficult and fatiguing.
I am glad that you nominated Mrs. James; but someone will have to be put in her place as her husband has been elected to Congress, and she will go to Washington for two years. She can do much for us there, though it is hard to spare her here.

1883 - Mar 13 - To - Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Pittsburgh, Penna.
At the meeting of our Committee yesterday I was directed to request you very cordially and earnestly to prepare and read a paper at our Annual Meeting at Saratoga, Friday, May 25th. It was the unanimous opinion that no one, as well as yourself, could give a sort of history of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the last four years, a sort of continuation of the history of the same in its beginnings, to acquaint some who have lately become interested and know nothing of its beginnings. You might incorporate something about them and the growth to the present time.

1883, Mar 13 - To - Mrs. Charles B. Walker,
Yesterday a formal invitation came from the Woman's Board of the Southwest for someone to represent our Executive Committee at its Annual Meeting at Topeka, Kansas, beginning on the afternoon of the 27th instant and adjourning on the afternoon of the 29th. The decision was to ask you to do so if convenient, and you can rest after the 22nd. Please answer at once to Mrs. L. J. Whittaker, St. Louis, Mo.

1883 - Mar 14 - To - Mrs. Langdon, Elizabeth, N. J.
You do not know what real comfort I have in knowing that the children now will be receiving letters from you.

1883— March

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883—Mar. 14— To— Mrs. L. G. Kieffer, Churchville, Md.

Mrs Haines suggests that I write to ask that your little band of Cheerful Workers send their money to help in building a school for the Creek Indians in Indian Territory. There is nothing the Creeks want more than to have their children educated. Most of them are poor, and unless kind people elsewhere help them the mass of the people must continue in ignorance. At least 1000 Creek children have no possible chance to go to school, and unless something is done for them will grow up ignorant, idle and unfit either to live or die. The Woman's Executive Committee have decided to have a boarding school for fifty boys and fifty girls where they can be taught how to talk English, and while learning, we can also teach them how to live civilized lives and the better life that leads to eternity. Money for the building is the first need because we cannot have school out of doors. — Written by Alice M. Robertson at request of Mrs. Haines.

1883—Mar. 18,— To— Mrs. A. Harwood, Champaign, Ills.

First, let me say I am very pleased with the constitution adopted by your Illinois Synodical Society, especially that you did not think it necessary to have a Synodical Treasurer to handle Mission funds. This decision helps much to simplify work. Pennsylvania did the same.

As to the few in number at the Bloomington meeting, you did succeed in organizing, which was a great gain because you now have a nucleus around which to work. × × × Where there are few Home Mission societies in a presbytery it may not seem wise to press the organization of a presbyterial Home Mission Society this spring. It may be better to allow the leaven to work until the churches have spread information to stimulate action. Workers on the spot will know what is best to do, I could not dictate.

There is now no reason why Home Missions money should go through the Woman's Board of the Northwest. Do you not think it would be courteous to try for a time at least to work under presbyterial societies for both Home and Foreign missions? Some of the good friends of both think that in time the work of the women will be brought under one Missionary Society, but the time is not now, especially as the Presbyterian Church has two distinct boards for home and foreign work. We do not want a formal report of your work this spring, but a statement of such facts as you have collected. We wish to have them on file. Please give items of interest. Mention Mrs. Walker's work in your conventions, and the death of Mrs. Johnson.

1883 — March

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883 Mar. 15, To — Mrs. George C. Yisley, Hudson, N. Y.
The Ladies' Board of Missions of New York have paid the salary of Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, and made other contributions to the "Home" there. Mrs. John W. McFarland nee Dunbar has been under the care of our Executive Committee, the salary being raised in Missouri and Kansas through the Woman's Board of the Southwest. I remember that when we published an appeal for Fort Wrangel, Mrs Graham objected, and was much surprised when told that our Committee had sent 1800.— to that mission and had reason to publish the fact. She thought it had been entirely supported by her Board, so it is not surprising that others had the same impression.

1883 Mch. 20 — Mrs. J. W. Allen, 1107 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.
We are glad to know Mrs. Walker can be with you at your Annual Meeting. Do get appropriations to our General Fund when you can.
We could assign to your care Mrs. Augusta C. Moore who is to be our missionary among the wild Creeks, quite toward the center of Indian Territory. Her sister Miss Alice Robertson is now in New York, trying to raise money to erect the building necessary. They are daughters and grand-daughters of Home Missionaries and you would become enthusiastic about this special mission.

1883 Mar. 22d To — Mrs. S. F. Scoord, Pittsburgh, Pa.
I think our Committee cannot accept this letter from you. Why, you dear, almost <u>First Vice President</u>, you cannot be let off in this manner, when your work in the past has been so satisfactory. It is quite too late for you to say: "I never had any faculty for writing." We do not want a set of statistical accounts, such as some of us here might give. Your very position at one side, places you in a position to relate facts that are not exactly official, but in more popular form to show how God brought support to this work during the four years, in fact five, dating from the appointment of the Pittsburgh Committee. You know how you were helped in that extraordinary duty that came to you December 12, 1878, and in that history. So now, please go on and do this other thing. As to Saratoga, you will find the waters there "healed", I think, so we shall forget their old "bitterness".

1883 Mar. 23, To — Mrs. H. Waugh, Greenville, Penna.
The work of our Woman's Executive Committee is so joined with that of the Board of Home Missions that the same certificate for Life Membership is used for both.
A gift of thirty dollar at one time, entitles one to a certificate for ones self or for any friend whose name may be proposed. We are glad to receive any such testimonials of interest in the great cause.

1883 March

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary -

1883 Mar. 27 To Mrs. K. P. Bryan

Which are the six presbyteries in your synod as yet unorganized?
What season of the year do you recommend for Home Mission meetings?
Your suggestions are always received with sincere thanks and consideration.
What I wish especially today is to request that you will write a few words about "Special Objects." O that we could rise above them! But there are strong arguments in their favor too, in securing more personal interest and prayer. On the other side how much time could be saved if there were not all the little separate accounts. Now don't laugh nor put in print — but our treasurer told, incidentally, that a donor had sent twenty-five cents, half for Utah and half for Alaska. As an exact division could not be made one field received one cent more than the other.

1883 Mar. 28 To Captain Pratt, Carlisle Barracks, Penna.

Our Annual Meeting will be held (D.V.) at Saratoga Springs, New York, on Friday, May 25th, during the sessions of the General Assembly there. Would you be able to come, bringing some of those Navajos to attend our meeting for an hour. Travelling expenses would be met. Can you tell from experience what the cost of such a trip would be?

1883— March —

Excerpts from letters written by the Woman's Executive Committee

1883 – March 16 – To Mrs. A.R. McFarland, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, from Mrs. F.E.H. Haines

We do not forget you in your anxieties and trials. Supplies coming in or reported are on their way to you. We await letters to know exact conditions with you. Some think it will be better to repair the barracks than to rebuild.

You have had a good friend in Mrs. Graham. We must take more interest in your work than ever. Perhaps she knows why this fire was allowed, but we will join her in trusting the Lord about it.

We are glad glad the Home Mission Work was virtually unified while she was here to have a voice in it. Of course, the Ladies Board of Missions continues its interest in your work until the end of the current year. Mrs. D. M. Miller now has charge of special objects, and will depend upon hearing from you freely and confidentially.

1883 – March 16 – To Mrs. A.E. Austin, Sitka, Alaska – from Mrs. F.E.H. Haines

a band of boys at Schenectady have given 25.00 to pay for good lamps for your home. Order them from Portland and send the bill to Mrs. W.E. Boyd.

How much you can sympathize with the mission at Wrangle.

We should like to enlarge the work everywhere, if only the money were sent in, but the Lord will provide what He sees we ought to have.

1883 – March 16 – To Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah. – from Mrs. F.E.H. Haines

A package of 45 "Hand-Book"s came the other day. Thank you.

What exactly do you want a matron to do? Is she, like the spider, to take "hold with her hands?" How many rooms will be under her care?

The Ladies' Board of Missions of New York now becomes a purely Foreign Missionary Organization. All of the Home department including property will be passed over at the end of the current fiscal year to the Woman's Executive Committee. The loss of Mrs. Graham will be felt much but I think the work will go on well.

1883 March 20 – To Miss L. A. Barothers, West Newton, Penna – written by Alice M. Robertson

coming to spend a little time with Mrs. Haines today, I find her with so many letters that I am trying to help her answer them. I am Alice Robertson, just appointed a missionary – or at least I suppose I have been appointed, my application having been duly made. I am in New York trying to raise money for a school building for the Creek Indians to whom I expect soon to go.

1883— March—

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
secretary

1883- March 30— To Mrs. W. Brinton Green, Boston, Mass.

Miss Alice M. Robertson, a really accomplished and highly educated woman, who has been six years in Washington, D.C., as clerk in the Indian Bureau expects to take at a Creek School in Indian Territory the same kind of position now offered to Miss Donaldson. I mention this only to show that while work with our hands is needed, the position is considered an honorable one, The teachers in the various departments meet together in social equality.

1883 — April —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883, April 4 — To Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

New Jersey as you know was the first Synod to appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee. This must have been done in 1875. Though it does not seem so long ago, I cannot make it out otherwise. The consolidation of synods makes the total number less, but there are more presbyteries included now than ever before — as, are the Synod of New York. I send you the Book of Minutes from before the beginning of the Woman's Executive Committee in 1878.

The union of the Home Department of the Woman's Board of the Southwest was followed by similar action in that of Brooklyn or Long Island, and this by the greater change in the Synod of New York. All of the Synods have now Synodical committees working with the Woman's Executive Committee except Atlantic.

1883 — Apl 10, To — Mrs. Dr. Stryker, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

At the meeting of our committee yesterday I was asked to write you in preparation of the "meeting for prayer and acquaintance" which the women attending General Assembly should hold together again this year. No meeting of this type had ever been held during the General Assembly until recommended at Saratoga in 1879, by members of our committee, and it has proved to be a place for the general reunion of Christian women, and last year at Springfield, Illinois, special care was taken to have the cause of Foreign Missions included so as to bring all women who are present into the service. Our committee asks you to take all preparations in charge this year, deciding upon the hour, appointing leaders necessary for each day. Instead of having the names of those who attend recorded in a book, it is suggested that a slip of paper be handed to each one as she enters the door, and she be asked to write her name and address on the slip. Before the meeting closes the slips should be collected, and at its close all should be requested to remain to hear the names read, and each one will rise as her name is read. This method has resulted in very delightful recognitions not otherwise possible. The idea has been not to have a regular missionary meeting but a free exchange of sentiment interspersed with prayer. You will know just what is wanted.

1883 — April

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883 April 10th, To Mrs. H. B. O. Cary, Janesville, Ohio

The work of the Board of Home Missions and that of our Woman's Executive Committee is really one work. We do nothing without the authority of that Board. We have more liberty in conducting school work and sending missionary teachers to destitute communities; but the Board can only supply ministers to needy churches. Our work is done after constant conference with that Board.

1883 April 10, To Captain Pratt, Carlisle, Penna.,

At its meeting yesterday our committee decided to invite you to bring six of your Indian boys to Saratoga Springs for our meeting on Friday afternoon, May 25th, about four-thirty o'clock, in the M. E. Church located on Washington Street. We would like two of them to be of the Creek Tribe as we are raising money for a new mission for that tribe. And we would like some Navajos, of course. You can judge best whom to bring. We wish to have two of them say something at the meeting. I should think you would have to reach Saratoga Thursday evening, and will have arrangements for your entertainment and your company.

1883 April 11, To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., 23 Center St., New York.

Will you please wrap carefully the Book of the Minutes of the Executive Committee that I gave you, and send it under <u>registered</u> <u>mail</u> to Mrs. Scovel, care of Rev. S. A. Scobel, D.D., Pittsburgh, Penna. She wishes to receive it soon but I want you to have whatever use of it you need first.

1883 April 11, To Mr. O. E. Boyd,

Will you please send to Mrs. Scovel, Pittsburgh, Pa., an approximate estimate of how many leaflets have been published by the Woman's Executive Committee since its organization? Also tell her what amount of money has passed through our treasurer's hands in that time.

1883 April 14, To Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N. J.

Enclosed is a card received this morning. If you have no time to answer it, you might write full directions to me. I think you said you would sail on the 25th instant at seven a.m, steamship "Bothnia". We shall try to send on board the advanced proof sheets of "<u>Presbyterian</u> <u>Home</u> <u>Missions</u>" so please inquire at clerk's office. Mr. Boyd thinks our receipts this year will total $70,000, of which $25,000 have been received since March first. I have not time to write what should be our feeling of gratitude to God Himself for this and other blessings in our work. Last evening letters came from Sitka with good accounts. — How much we shall miss you! How wonderfully you have been prepared and qualified for the place you have in our Committee. You will pray for us, and do not fear but that we shall remember you in the same way. Ever with sincere and affectionate respect,

F. E. H. Haines

1883 — April

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883 April 16, To — Mrs. A. O. Van Lennap, Montclair, N. J.
At Christ Chapel in New York last evening I was delighted with the charts explained by Dr. Schauffler.
Could you make one similar showing in the United States the proportion of Roman Catholics, Jews, Mormons, Indians, Chinese, undesignated and Protestants? What would be the expense? Could it be completed by the middle of May in time for our Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga? It would like to show how greatly mission work is needed in this country as well as abroad.

1883, April 17, To — Mrs K. P. Bryan, Allegheny, Pa.
Taking the church at large, rating the local churches on a par, Pennsylvania, out of 100 teachers should support one sixth of them or 16⅔ per cent at $7,500. = Of $100,000.— she should raise $16, 666.— But this is not a fair estimate. In our Presbyterian church we have parity of clergy but not of churches. Think of the many just fledged on the frontiers, and those dying out in older settlements. Therefore taking a different view:—

Synod of Baltimore	151	churches
" Illinois	478	"
" " Indiana	311	"
" " Michigan	182	"
" " Missouri	215	"
" " New Jersey	281	"
" " New York	799	"
" " Ohio	606	"
" " Pennsylvania	929	"
	3,952	

4000 ÷ 900 = 3 1/3

Therefore Pennsylvania shall have the honor of supporting 30 teachers at $13,500.— or out of every $100,000.— to give at least $30,000.— and as much more as is possible.

1883 April 17 — To Mrs. E. M. Bradshaw, Indianapolis, Indiana.
First, as to the "cow". Yes, certainly! Either send money at once to our treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Boyd, designating it for a cow at Fort Wrangle, Alaska if you know through Mrs. Young how much a good one will cost, and word will be sent with the money immediately for the purchase. If you do not know the price, we will authorize the purchase, have the cow bought, and the bill sent here, then the amount to pay could be reported to you. Nothing will be done until we hear from you.—Special gifts to our teachers are not deducted from their salaries, but we must exercise care not to cultivate greater interest in the person than in the work for we must have money for their salaries, and must see that any teacher does not receive undue attention. It is strange that some churches owing their very existence to Home Missions should so easily forget this debt to be repaid to others.

1883 — April —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines. Secretary

1883 - April 20 - To - Mrs. James M. Ham, 278 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
I saw Mr. McLeod yesterday. He has been positively engaged to go to Alaska for a year to put up your saw mill. If you are not able to attend our meeting next Monday, please tell us what time will suit you to have him call to see you at your home. I think we have every reason to be thankful that he is ready to do this work.

1883 - Apl 27 - To - Rev. Alexander Proudfit, Saratoga, N.Y.
Will you kindly inform me if rooms have been reserved at the "Holden House" for the following who will attend our Annual Meeting —

(Mrs. Darwin R. James,
Mrs. James M. Ham,
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines and daughter,
Mrs. Charles E. Walker,
Mrs. S. B. Brownell,
Mrs. J. B. Gilbert,
Miss S. Walker,
(Mrs. Dr. Scovel,
(Mrs. D. M. Miller,
Rev. F. S. Haines

1883 - April 28 - To - Mrs. G. A. Tryon, Galesburg, Ills.
"What hath God wrought" in Illinois! Having so many difficulties to overcome, you women of Illinois have taken hold of Home Missions and brought the school-department very prominently forward. This is the very cause to which your own churches, under God, owe their existence.
It would be an excellent plan to have a Synod take one or more missions as its own. Our Committee can provide a list from which a choice can be made. The support would include the erection of a building or chapel, the payment of salaries of teachers, their travelling expenses to and from the field, current expenses of the mission, such as fuel, light, cleaning, also furniture and books. This plan should not be allowed to divert gifts from present interests. xx You have probably 28,000 women in Presbyterian churches in Illinois. At twenty-five cents each, or in that proportion you might raise at least $7000.= this year for Home Missions, and that would support fourteen schools having one teacher each. May the Lord guide you.

1883 - April 30 - To - Miss Alice M. Robertson, 129 E. 10th St., New York, N.Y.
May I depend on you to write an account of speeches delivered at General Assembly Tuesday evening, May 22d, in regard to our department of Home Missions, and also of our meetings on Friday, May 25th, for the Presbyterian Home Missionary, also for the New York Evangelist. As editors like variety I am assigning papers to different women.

1883 - April -

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883 - April 10 - To, Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah.
I think we should have facts at hand as to what is absolutely required in order to have the Institute expand into a college. What would be the additional expense? I would like to be able to answer questions in case they are asked at Saratoga, during the meetings of the General Assembly there.

1883, April 17 - Miss Annie McKean, Washington, Pa.
We are very glad for the prospect of having you with us at Saratoga. Our Committee will pay your travelling expenses from Washington, Pa., and return. Perhaps some Washington friends would like to come too. I think board can be had at one dollar per day for those staying through the sessions of the General Assembly.
You may like to know what we want you to say at Saratoga. You will have about twenty minutes. And you can imagine this time ought not to be taken for any formal or general views on Mormonism, such as any of us could gather from books, but let your heart speak of what you have seen and heard.

1883 - April 17 - To Miss Elizabeth B. Craig, Fillmore, Utah.
In the absence of Miss McKean you may be glad to receive a letter. We have so many demands on our General Fund that we like to have our teachers connected with special societies at home who will pray for them with more intelligence and definite and affectionate interest, also to supply various needs of their schools. We should like very much if your home society and others in the vicinity would assume your salary. Will you send a list of names of women who might be interested to do this? The support of your pupil at Salt Lake Institute might also be procured from them.

1883, April 27 - Miss Laura B. Work, Pleasant Grove, Utah,
About the "room" you would like to have, you would better correspond with Rev. D. J. McMillan and Rev. Thos. F. Day, and if they approve of the proposed improvement, then get an estimate of the cost. x x x I wish you knew Mrs. D. R. James and Mrs. James M. Ham who have been here at my home office this afternoon. We prayed together for the cause of Home Missions and those engaged in the work. We feel that for ourselves and all in the work, we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

1883_ April _

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F.E.H. Haines
Secretary

1883_ April 30 _ Miss Emma Webster, Lincoln, Nebr.

Our dear Mrs. Walker returned a week ago, and told me about seeing you. We have so many applications on hands that I cannot give you any immediate encouragement as to a position in one of our missions. If there were prospects of more money this year we might be glad to give you consideration. I have therefore entered your name on our list, and would like to ask a few questions.

How long have you been considering this matter? Do you understand that it is as really missionary work as in Asia or Africa? Have you taught school? If so, what branches do you undertake? How old are you? Is your health good? Could you procure a certificate from some well-known doctor giving assurance that your strength is equal to such work? Can you sing? Do you play the organ or piano? Do you understand house-keeping, cooking, dress-making (plain), cutting out under-clothing, sewing and mending? What references could you give?

Do not think that every teacher is required to understand all of these things, but they must be taught by someone, especially in missions for the Indians. As a stranger to me, I must know something of your qualifications.

1883 — May —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883-May 5th — To — Miss Fanny a. Dyer, Covington, Penna

I wish you could come to help us at Saratoga. From observation, what special objects do you think would interest Pennsylvania societies. We want you to raise $30,000.— this current year and hope some of it will be given to our "General Fund". We are having a list prepared of all correspondents in your state that you may know to whom to send further information, and to whom to apply for help. What a wonderful increase of interest there is in your Synod! Think of it! Only four presbyteries are without organized presbyterial societies for Home Missions. This gives you twenty-five presbyterial societies. Have you a list of their officers? I should like a list of these officers very much.

1883-May 7th — To — Miss H. W. Hubbard, 65 W. 19th Street, New York.

Miss Wheeler writes that your report at Rochester embodied the whole subject of the transfer of Home Missions work to the Synodical Committee of New York, and that no resolutions were passed except such as were carried by the adoption of your report.

Mrs. James is in Virginia but is planning for a meeting of our Committee called for Tuesday, May 22d at Saratoga. She writes to ask if you can send a copy of that portion of your report relating to the transfer so as to have it reach her by Monday, May 14th, when our Executive Committee meets here in New York. I would have liked so much to have heard your own explanation and statements at Rochester. Mrs. James told me they were so clear and fair that it was unnecessary to add to them. I am glad your mother has been made president of the Ladies Board of Foreign Missions of New York,

1883-May 7 — To — Mrs. D. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

Regarding a treasurer for the New York Synodical Committee, Mrs. Darwin R. James appointed Mrs. John Sinclair to serve pro tem. I do not have her address but the money in your treasurer's hands can be sent direct to Mrs. M. E. Boyd at 23 Center St., New York. The matter of a treasurer will be settled at Saratoga.

1883 — May —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Hamer
Secretary

1883 – May 15, – Rev. Maxwell Phillips, Mora, New Mexico.

About a cook: can you obtain one at Mora who will be interested in teaching cooking and baking? We wish to emphasize more and more in all of our boarding and industrial schools the need for more than mere book-learning. What do you mean exactly by the "Mexican style" of living? We want to elevate the ideals of the poor Mexicans. We do not want to employ any Roman Catholic help in our schools.

About Ocate: A recommendation from presbytery would be needed, I think, before $200.– could be granted to build a house there. What kind of a house would it be?

We will keep in mind, or rather on record, your recommendation of Guillermo Martinez for teacher at Taos Indian Pueblo.

1883 – May 15 – To Miss Carrie Nutting, Hyrum, Utah.

I was very glad to hear from you. You give a pleasant account of your dear sister, Nellie, and I am glad for you that she can be with you and help you, for I have no doubt at all that it is all quite right. But the matter is a little irregular, for a real principle is involved. It will never do for our teachers to engage assistants without consulting us, even if they serve without salary. The outside world would make no distinction, and the character of the Presbyterian Church is involved. To take an extreme case: we had a teacher sometime ago, who later turned Unitarian without our knowledge. He might have brought in a friend to teach in the school who would have left our Lord Jesus out of his teaching. What I want you to do now is to write a letter, saying your sister is at Hyrum, that you certify to the best of your knowledge, she could give good testimonials as to character and ability, if required, and that you ask permission to have her assist you in your school during the present term, free of charge to our committee.

You will please remember this does not imply any lack of confidence in your sister, but we have learned from our own experience and that of others that a little red tape is as necessary in missionary as well as in other business affairs.

1883 — May

Excerpts from Letters of Woman's Executive Committee,
Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, Secy.

1883 - May 15th. To - Mrs. A. P. Nicholas, Omaha, Nebraska,

At the regular meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee, held yesterday, the fourteenth instant, you and Mrs. Crissman were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of our Committee, and we cordially welcome you into our circle. — As I am leaving to-morrow morning for our Annual Meeting at Saratoga Springs, New York, I can give time only to send this official notice; doing so however, most heartily and thankfully to the dear Master who is bringing to us helpers in Nebraska and elsewhere, whom He has fitted for the service.

1883 - May 15 - To - The Board of Home Missions,

At the regular meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee, yesterday, Monday the fourteenth instant, the following resolution was adopted in regard to a communication received from you sometime ago in reference to the salary of Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D., viz! —

Resolved - That the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions agrees to pay five hundred dollars #500.= a year toward the salary of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., with the understanding that this sum is additional to the #2000.— paid to him by the Board of Home Missions making the whole sum #2500.+ per year.

Respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

In regard to New York State, that it might be an excellent plan for the Secretaries Doctors Kendall and Roberts, the Commissioners from New York Synod to the General Assembly, and the members of the Woman's Synodical Committee of New York to hold a conference and to map out a program for short conventions beginning, perhaps, next September. It would be for you to call such a meeting if you approve. What would you think of asking Dr. Jackson to speak on Friday, perhaps in the evening to give some statement of present conditions and work in Alaska. He has visited that country since our last meeting, and he has not attended General assembly for two years. His presence should help us in many ways.

1883— May

1883- May 31— To Mrs. A. P. Nichols, Omaha, Nebraska

I wish you could have been at our Annual Meeting at Saratoga. Enclosed is program of our principal day, but there were conferences in addition. Among them was a conference with the Commissioners from Nebraska to the General Assembly together with several of the women, including Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Griswold. It was decided to hold a series of Conventions in Nebraska, probably in November, that the ministers and elders constituting the Synod's Committee on Home Missions should have charge of them; that the Woman's Executive Committee should cooperate with this Synod's Committee sending at least one speaker from outside your synod to attend and to speak principally at the woman's afternoon meeting held in each place. (This plan was of great advantage in Illinois.) Of course, workers on the spot are to help make the effort successful, and the Board of Home Missions will provide speakers in addition to the pastors and other workers in the Synod.

I am hopeful that next October the Synod of Nebraska will again appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions, including two or three members from each Presbytery who will plan details for these conventions. If that is not done the Vice-Presidents will have more to do, but I do hope Nebraska will come into the regular lines of work this autumn. I do believe that societies already organized for both Home and Foreign Missions in Nebraska have not understood, and that their difficulties have been in the methods of work. Our Woman's Executive Committee has no desire to disturb work that is being done well, but to aid in every way to have one society serve for both Home and Foreign Missions so as to conserve effort and unify work. × × We must believe in the blessed Holy Spirit who has opened our eyes in a measure to the needs of the Home Mission Work.

1883 June — (See June 6th of Second group of letters) Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

1883 June 6 — To Miss Carrie Cutting, Hyrum, Utah.
Rev. D. J. McMillan has just written about your sister. If you had only mentioned that he had given his approval there would have been no difficulty. We are obliged to have rules for particular cases.
Please send exact estimates and plans for additions to your building. I am hopeful that your desires can be met. You must be made comfortable.

1883 June 6 — Rev. James A. Menaul, Albuquerque, New Mexico
It came to me as quite a new idea, as recently suggested, that we should establish a day school for Mexicans at Albuquerque. Will you give me your opinion, confidentially? I have not heard recently as to how your church is progressing. I think you have a bell.

1883 June 7 — To Rev. R. G. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah
A letter has just come from Prof. Boyner about a plan to publish a paper to be called the "Utah Missionary". You probably know details. We would like to know what you <u>really</u> think of it.
One objection is that the publication of too much information about our schools may interfere with their success.

1883 June 9 — To Miss Grace L. Robertson, Middleboro, Mass.
I am so hopeful that you can be brought into the new Creek Mission work that I enclose blanks for the official certificates that are required before you can be commissioned by our Board. My hope is that you can be one of the teachers in the schoolroom but live with your sister, Alice, in one of the cottages. We plan for three or four cottages for girls, one larger house for Mr. and Mrs. Moore with boys in charge, and a building for school and church purposes. Join your prayers with ours that money for all this may be provided.

1883 June 12 — Prof. J. M. Boyner, Denver, Colo.
It does seem to be a clear case to have your Institute become a college. The appeal from the Presbytery of Utah was carefully circulated by the General Assembly and sent at once to Dr. Herrick Johnson for the new Board of Aid for Colleges. It might be well for you to communicate with him.

1883 — June —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883, June 13, — To Mrs Augusta R. Moore, Muskogee, Ind. Territory.

Although you hear from your sister Alice regarding the interests of your mission at our end of the line, I write to ask whether conditions among the Creek Indians will be sufficiently settled to enable you to build this summer. Have you decided on the location to recommend? Water supplies and access to a railroad should be considered. Do you think the Creek people could give more than $3000.— for a building for church and school-rooms? The cost of cottages, such as we aimed to build is greater than we supposed. The estimate is $800.— each, without furniture. A larger house with dormitories for the boys would cost even more. Would the Creeks prefer to have their money used for this or for the chapel-school building?

1883 – June –

1883 – June 20 – List of Missions under the care of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Alaska –	Wrangell, Alaska –	Mrs Amanda R. McFarland
		Dr. McFarland
		Miss M. J. McFarland
		Miss Kate Rankin
	Sitka, Alaska –	Mr. Alonzo E. Austin
		Mrs. A. E. Austin
		Miss Olivia E. Austin
	2 2	Mr. W. B. Styles
		Mrs. W. B. Styles
	Chilcat, Alaska,	Rev. Eugene S. Willard
		Mrs. E. S. Willard
		Miss Bessie Matthews
	" "	Mr. Louie Paul
	" "	Mrs. Lillie Paul (native)
	Hydah, Alaska,	Mrs. J. Loomis Gould
		Miss Clara Gould
Indian Territory,	Muskogee, I.T.	
	Fort Gibson, I.T.	
	Creek Mission (2)	Mrs. Augusta R. Moore
		Miss Alice M. Robertson
	Spencer Orphanage	Mr. W. B. Robe
		Mrs. W. B. Robe
		Miss Alice Young

1883 June —

	Los Nietos,	
	Anaheim,	
	Los Angeles,	
North Carolina,	Whitehall,	Miss Frances Clifford
		Miss Ainsworth
		Miss Campbell
	Concord,	Miss Luskins
		Miss Anna B. Carr
	El Paso,	
Texas,		
New Mexico,	Santa Fé'	Miss Matilda L. Allison
		Mrs. Carpenter
	Las Vegas,	
	Taos,	Miss Broud,
	Taos, El Ranchos	Miss L. A. Brown
	Mora,	
	Ocoté	
	El Rito	
	Agua Negra	
	Gloriettd,	Miss Winsloe
	Wallace,	Miss G. Blake
		Miss E. N. Smith
Colorado,	Trinidad,	Miss L. Barlow
	Genecero,	
	La Jará,	
	San Rafael,	
	Conejo	
	La Costello	

1883 – June

New Mexico – Albuquerque, Prof R. W. Bryan
Mrs Dibbals
Miss M. Wood,
Miss M. H. Paiter
Miss L. Butler
Miss E. E. Chaddock
Mr. Loorland
Mrs Loorland
Mrs. Sadler

Jemez – Miss Stright

Jemez Springs Miss M. M. Harris

Zuni Mr. J. H. Willson
Mrs. J. H. Willson
Miss Willson

Navajos
Pimas
Papagoes
Puget Sound

1883 — June

Utah —

Malad — Mrs. E. M. Knox
Miss Van Wormer (2)
Miss Van Wormer

Franklin — Miss Anna Noble
Miss Kelly

Smithfield — Miss H. M. McCracken

Logan — Mrs. Parke
Mrs. Shirley

Millville — Miss N. J. Hall,

Hyrum — Miss Carrie Nutting,

Wellsville — Miss Kate Best

Brigham City — Miss Dayton

Ogden — Miss Flora Campbell

Kaysville — Miss Ella McDonald

American Fork — Miss Clara Pierce

Pleasant Grove — Miss Laura Work

Springville — Miss E. Munger
Miss Lillie A. Wray
Miss Nellie Hutchinson

Spanish Fork — Miss Lucy Perley

Payson — Miss Amelia Woodruff

Nephi — Miss Marcia A. Scoull

Fillmore — Miss E. Craig

Scipio — Miss Maggie Ramsey

Moroni — Miss Sadie L. Brown

Fairview — Miss S. Sorrenson,

Mt. Pleasant — Miss F. B. Stayers,
Miss Maria Fishback,
Miss L. E. Leonard
Miss M. Crowell

1883 – June

Utah –

Spring City – Miss Fannie Kyle
Ephraim – Miss S. L. Rea
Manti – Miss Fannie Galbraith
Miss Capitola Slade
Gunnison – Miss Ella Campbell
Richfield – Miss Julia Olmstead
Monroe – Miss L. L. Decker
Parowan – Miss Lila G. Morton
Cedar City – Miss Eliza Hartford
Toquerville – Miss Fannie Burke
Washington – Miss R. A. Stevenson
St. George – Mrs. Blackburn
Salt Lake City – Prof. J. M. Cogner
Mrs. J. M. Cogner
Rev. R. G. McNiece
Miss Mary Moore
Miss Sadie E. Reed
Miss Lura J. Vaughan
Miss Annie McKean

1883- June

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883- June 23- To- Miss Sadie L. Brown, Moroni, Utah.

I am sorry to know that Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson think of leaving Moroni. Their going leaves you so much alone.

Please write me just how you are living- in what sort of family and house, the distance from your school. Tell me all about your environment. I think of you as one of my own daughters almost, with a very responsible work to do, and having to represent in a whole community the character and credit of the Presbyterian Church. I do trust that in the circumstances you are very careful to avoid anything that might discredit the cause you love. A young girl can never be too careful, and especially with such people as the Mormons must be. I think we all need to pray to the Lord daily- "Hold me with Thy powerful hand."

Let Mrs. D. M. Miller know of any little wants you have for the school. Do your children need clothing, or, are the people quite well-to-do?

1883- June 25- To Rev. Charles H. Cook, Casa Grande, Arizona.

I am sorry to add to your work but really think it would be of advantage if you would write details regarding your missions with which you may not care to trouble the Board of Home Missions. We would like to know what kind of building you are doing, and how far it has progressed. We also wish to know about your Indians, to know about some of them by name so as to help interest friends in their particular needs.

We are thankful that you are being used by the Master in a field for which He has evidently fitted you, and I am confident He must make up to you for every privation by His own presence according to His Word.

What papers or magazines do you personally receive? If you would like others perhaps we could obtain them for you. Please, sir, excuse the liberty I take.

1883, June 27- To Rev. D. J. McMillan, Salt Lake City, Utah.

I wrote specifically yesterday to Dr. McNeece regarding the desire of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Erection for more specific information regarding the need for expending at Salina $1000., Smithfield $600., Cedar City $1000., and Monroe $1000. The recommendation of the Committee of Presbytery is required. Maryville and Salina are accepted for new stations. If you want to open others this fall, we shall need details for each one.

1883 — June —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1883 June 27 — To Rev. George W. Leonard, Springville, Utah.
You have heard before this of the success of your application for Spanish Fork, given in addition to the recommendation of the Presbytery of Utah. When I presented the facts showing how Miss Perley had suffered from the cold and consequent rheumatism the answer was an appropriation of $2500. to be spent as you consider best to make Miss Perley comfortable.

1883 June 27 — To Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muskogee, Indian Territory.
A friendly letter, more or less personal.
There will be no trouble in having your sister, Grace, commissioned but nothing can be settled until the required certificates are received.

1883 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1883, June 6th - To Mrs. Robert Norton, Lockport, N.Y.

Your inquiry regarding work among the Freedmen is literally the first on that subject that has come to my hand. You may ask the significance of this. Let me whisper confidentially that the beginnings of consultations as to whether this work could be done through our Woman's Executive Committee were started at Saratoga. I am hopeful that it may be brought about. Can you raise the "50.- or "60.- for the Freedmen, send it on, specifying that it is for that work? This will make a test case. I can promise that the money shall be applied according to your directions. We know there is much need at certain points in North Carolina. I had conversation with colored men at Saratoga regarding it.

1883, June 6th - To - Mrs. Jas. W. Stark, Jerseyville, Illinois,

It is quite wonderful to me to think of you in New Mexico, and I hope your husband's health has not made the change desirable. But you do not know how useful you can be to our Home Mission Work there. I quite depend on you to write to me confidentially as to the condition of our missions there, and as to what should be done. The work at Santa Fé is new to me, and our Committee. It was one of the objects of the Ladies' Board of Missions of New York which has just now been transferred to the Home Mission department of the Synodical Committee of New York a part of our own work. Will you write fully to me about the buildings, the teachers and the new boarding department already proposed before the transfer?

1883 June 6th, To — Mrs. Carrie B. Horton, Corning, Iowa.

Can you use your influence next fall to have the Synod of Iowa endorse woman's work for Home Missions by appointing a Woman's Synodical Committee? Two women from each presbytery who now are engaged in the work should be placed on the committee, thus bringing the women of your Synod into official union with the rest of our Church. All synods except Atlantic, Kentucky Nebraska and Iowa are thus organized, and there is good prospect that at least three of these will be so organized in the near future.

1883 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883 June 7 — To — Dr. Sheldon Jackson

I have advised Miss Alice Robertson to see you about employing Smith and Howe to draw up plans for the Creek cottages and Central Building. Can you go with her to their offices, or give her a a note of introduction? We should have plans to present to the School Committee.

1883, June 9. To Miss L. A. M. Grove, San Francisco, Calif.

I wish to tell you that we have some mission work among Mexicans in Southern California under serious consideration. The places considered are Los Angeles, Anaheim and Las Vegas (N.). A teacher has been provided for one of these already.

1883, June 9th — To — Mrs. Ashbel Green, London, England.

Such a contrast between the spirit of things at Saratoga in 1879 and 1883. We could but feel and exclaim: "It is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes." In advance of our Friday meeting, the meetings for prayer and acquaintance were held, led successively by Mesdames McCauley, House, Bryan, Allen, Butler. We held conferences also with the commissioners from Nebraska, Indiana, New York & Wisconsin Synods and Home Mission Conventions were projected in each of them to be held (D.V.) early next fall. Miss Robertson has met with sufficient success to make possible the beginning of the buildings for the wild Creeks this summer, and plans are in the architects hands.

Mrs. Horace Eaton of Palmyra was elected president of the New York Synodical Committee, but the officers in New York City are as yet undetermined.

1883, June 12, To — Mrs George L. Yeisley, Hudson, N. Y.

I would like very much a list of the officers of the New York Synodical Committee, elected at Saratoga. I hope your President Mrs. Horace Eaton may call you together soon. There is a great work before you, that needs to be understood and planned for next fall.

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883 — June

1883 June 12, To — Mrs. Julia A. Scott, Bloomington, Ills.
I fear that in the pressure of work connected with our Annual Meeting at Saratoga, no formal notice has been sent of your election to the office of Vice-President of our Woman's Executive Committee from the Synod of Illinois. You will see your name published on the cover of the Presbyterian Home Missionary for July. I trust you will find that this office gives you increased influence in your efforts to arouse interest for Home Missions in Illinois. It may be well for Illinois to aim at some fixed amount to raise for Home Missions this year. There are many localities needing teachers; but will there be money to pay the teachers?

1883 June 12, To — Mrs. C. N. Wilder, Champaign, Ills,
Pennsylvania women aim at raising $30,000. — for Home Missions this year. What will Illinois do?

1883, June 14, To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.
I trust you have been prospered on your way and that this may find you safely at the favored spot, from which we hail you as our Vice-President. Thank Mr. Walker most cordially for us for consenting to have you do so much service to Home Missions, especially this last winter and spring. I think of you today as at Omaha, and trust you may be given the wisdom so much needed in regard to matters there and elsewhere.

1883, June 15, Miss Mary J. Stewart, Brookville, Penna.
As you probably know, Mrs. Bryan is president of your Pennsylvania Synodical committee. I think the best thing you can do would be to ask her to come to help you organize. You should have seen her at Saratoga collecting Pennsylvania women who were there, talking to them earnestly of what by the grace of God they might be able to do for our country. * * *
The plan for holding meetings of Home and Foreign Presbyterial Societies at the same place on consecutive days is growing in favor. It saves time, and expense and most of our women take interest in both departments of work.
I think you are right in not including the Temperance cause.

1883, June 15 — To — Mrs. O. N. Ramsey, 514 - 22d St., Omaha, Nebr.
Such a pressing letter came recently from Rev. H. B. Gage of Colorado, urging us to send teachers into <u>every</u> town in Utah. He had just been travelling through its length and breadth, and realized the needs of such effort more than ever before. But we have to wait and <u>wait</u>, trusting that the Lord will carry on this work in His own good time, with us, or without us, but what a privilege to share in it

1883 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883 June 21 — To Mrs. H. L. O. Cary, Janesville, Ohio.

The Chilcat mission was quite broken up for a time by the illness of both Mr. and Mrs. Willard, but now they are back at their home with Miss Bessie Matthews who writes encouragingly of the school. I hope to write later of the proposed building as soon as word comes from Rev. Robert W. Hill who now has charge in general of Alaska missions. A saw-mill was sent to Haydah last fall. Now a machinest, Mr. McLeod has gone to install and start it going. This will help to provide lumber needed for three new buildings that are proposed.

1883 June 25 — To — Mrs. E. P. Pratt, Portsmouth, Ohio,

Excuse the liberty I take in writing merely to ask what your wishes may be in regard to doing work for Home Missions. Of course, I have known that the Women's societies in Portsmouth Presbytery were considered auxiliary to to the Ladies Board of Missions of New York which now has become a purely Foreign Missions organization.

I do not know what special mission in the home field has had your interest but trust Portsmouth Presbytery will continue to support it, whatever it may have been. New chapels are to be built this summer, and more than twenty new missionary teachers are to be sent out next fall. Their salaries are to be paid.

1883, June 28 — To Mrs. Horace Eaton, Palmyra, New York.

My heart is very thankful this morning because of your decision to accept the office of President of the New York Synodical committee. I wrote Mrs. Darwin R. James at once. Until the election at Saratoga she was Acting-President of the New York Synodical committee of Home Missions, after Mrs. Graham passed away. I shall send word at once to Mrs. M. Hartley Brown, of Dr. Parkhurst's church, who was made Vice-President, thus being Ex-officio a member of our Woman's Executive Committee, and has begun to attend our meetings. × × I am sure you have not sought this office, and the work comes to you therefore more directly from the hand of the dear Master, who will strengthen and teach you, and us in His way. I am quite hopeful that Dr. Kendall who is away at Hamilton College this week, will take time to call on you, and talk over the whole matter.

I would think the first thing to do is to have a letter go every society in the Synod over your name. The addresses of the secretaries of the societies are in the Report of the Ladies' Board of Missions and on the books in our office. I write today to Mrs. Henry Childs and Mrs. Yeisley telling them the good news. There is work in North Carolina which for the present the Synodical committee of New York must conduct independently of our Committee. We are interested in it but at present are limited to work under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

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However we have had a very pleasant conference on Monday last with the Misses Offord, Ainsworth and Mrs. Scott, workers at Concord, North Carolina, among the "Poor Whites" there. Mrs. James suggested that one of these teachers prepare a statement as to the work to be sent to your societies, and also to friends outside of New York Synod who are interested already in this southern work.

1883 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines Sec'y

1883 — June 28, — To — Mrs. John Sinclair, 35 Broadway, New York
I want you to know that I am very thankful that you are willing to be Treasurer of the New York Synodical Committee of Home Missions, and thus to be a Member of our Woman's Executive Committee.
I wish also to tell you the good news that Mrs. Dr. Horace Eaton of Palmyra has consented to be President of the New York Synodical Committee

1883 — June 28, To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, 164 Robinson St., Allegheny, Penna.
Just before your last letter came, a committee of three was appointed on Office Arrangements, and at the end of the year probably, changes will be made. Mrs. James is unwilling to have anything done until Mrs. Green returns from Europe. In the meantime I am corresponding with a young woman in Newark who will give me real help if she comes. I often realize that it will not do for me to attempt too much, as I am not as young as sixty-four years ago.
I have asked Miss S. A. Love of Pittsburgh to call on you. Miss Alice Robertson discovered her, and she is virtually accepted to go as seamstress to the Creek Mission when the buildings are finished. Would Pittsburgh be interested in supporting her? Miss Elizabeth B. Craig of Rev. Mr. Comingo's Church will be sent to New Mexico, probably. You have seen her I believe and we would be grateful for your opinion of her ability. We need for Chapels in Utah, $3,100. — and for buildings in New Mexico, $2,400. — at least! Would you like details?

1883, June 29 — To Mrs. S. S. Bryan,
You will be glad to know there is no trouble at all about that Alaska boat money. Part of it had been paid to Dr. Jackson and he probably has all of it now in hand. $1000. — for the Willard Home has been sent. Any detention might have been caused by Mr. Eaton's absence on account of illness.

1883, June 29 — To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan,
You have said nothing as to the duties of the Synodical Society in stimulating action in every Presbyterial Society, for you have been doing this with wonderful success, but the machinery of the presbyterial societies will need constant oiling and possible repairs. Changes in the objects they each support may be desired, and the officers of the synodical society can help in this. You are to be a bond of union between all of the presbyterial societies. After all, the work under God is what the workers make it. It is difficult to fix any limits to its possible extension.

1883_ June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1883_ June 29, To_ Mrs. S. P. Scovel, Pittsburgh, Penna.

How loorly it was to see and to hear you again. Mrs. D. R. James and I have ventured upon a few changes in your "Historical," and the last time I saw Dr. Kendall, he was poring over its pages with evident satisfaction. Would you like to have the manuscript returned to see whether you consent to the alterations proposed, or shall I send the "proofs" when they are ready?

1883— July

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y.

1883, July 2d— To— Mrs. J. W. Allen, 1107 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

Your St. Louis castles have been guarded of late toward the east by a moat so formidable, there has seemed little use in attempting to write you. Now as the waters seem to be "returning from off the earth continually", I will venture. — Miss Jennie McGuntie may prepare to go to Utah this next September. The understanding is implied that her salary will be provided by the Southwest, in whole, I hope. — If you have $100. — in your treasury to pay for a lot before the Mormons know what we are about, the question would at once be settled as to whether we can occupy a very desirable point. I hope you can do this. If you can you may have this mission for your very own. A building and furniture will cost $600. — and you may consider that you practically own this mission if in the course of the year your societies can provide this amount.

After a school has been started, the purchase of a lot for it is almost impossible, because the Mormons use efforts to prevent it. If a lot for a school has been secured and a teacher established, the people are led to believe that the school, though taught in rented quarters at first, will become permanent. This influences the apostates to be more willing to send their children to be taught. We are obliged to plan carefully and the money for the lot must be paid promptly. If the Southwest cannot undertake this work Miss McGuntie will be sent according to the plan.

1883, July 10— To— Mrs. D. M. Miller, 23 Center St., New York

A copy of the Report of the Board of Home Missions, 1883, should go to every member of our Synodical Committees all over the country, except in the case where a pastor's wife is a member.

1883, July 19. To— Miss S. G. Gilbert, Utica, New York.

The treasurer of the "Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions of New York" is Mrs. John Sinclair, 35 Broadway, New York City. The secretaries are Mrs. B. F. Potter, Schenectady, N.Y. and Mrs. Geo. L. Yeisley, Hudson, N.Y., Recording Secretary. Mrs. M. Hartley Brown of New York is Vice-President, address pro tem— Montclair, New Jersey, may act as Secretary for the present, as Miss Emily M. Wheeler finds obliged to decline. We are so glad to have Mrs. Dr. Horace Eaton, Palmyra, New York for President.

1883— July

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. J. G. H. Nichols, Secretary

1883, July 19th, to- Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poucha Springs, Colorado.

You can help more now by resting and gaining strength. Yesterday we had a conference at the office, and the general opinion is that you will be needed by the middle of September. It seems very important to have you at that meeting in Iowa, October 17th. Will Mrs. S. S. Bryan let you off from Pittsburgh, October 18th? Iowa seems more essential just now. Will you ask her?

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1883 — July —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

1883, July 20 — Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy in account with Woman's Executive Committee of H. M. from June 12th to July 20, 1883.

To Postage stamps		$ 9.—
" Two telegrams to Dr. Kendall and Miss Carr, N.C.		1.16
" Ten hours work, Miss Holmes		1.80
" Paper, 3 pads		.75
" Elastics		.25
		$ 12.95

1883, July 25, To — Mrs Gregory, Blairstown, New Jersey.

Our Executive Committee will not meet before Monday, September 10th unless by call of Mrs. Darwin R. James, our acting President, in Mrs. Green's absence. In the meantime the work must go on. The hope is that the Lord, Himself will take care of it at all times. I have no suggestions for your annual meeting. You have much to do to "hold the fort" for Home Missions in New Jersey to say nothing of further aggressive movements in a good sense of the word. I will make two suggestions. In the August Presbyterian Home Missionary you will see a list of amounts wanted to meet needs in Utah this year. What would you think of preparing a little circular just for New Jersey, including some of these objects and planning to raise the money for them in New Jersey in addition to what is already being done there. To print and distribute 1000 or 2000 copies in York, nearly, 300 churches would cost from $10.— to 13.50. You, probably, have no funds for this, but I think our Executive Committee would pay the bill. New Jersey needs to be aroused, and to be kept awake! I advise that you send out these circulars yourself to women whose addresses you have and to pastors where you do not have such addresses. Send them early in October in advance of your annual meeting. Then, at the Annual Meeting, by conference and formal "resolution" have it planned for the presbyterial officers to make a personal visitation to each local church. The idea is to have the women of each presbytery who are on the Synodical Committee feel a greater responsibility.

1883— July

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1883- July 27, To- Miss A. L. Polk, Wilmington, Drlaware.

By dividing $450.- among the total number of societies in the same presbytery the amount is raised more easily than one would at first supposed; and the women of the different churches have one missionary for whom to pray, as well as to support by gifts of money.

1883, July 31- To- Mrs. D. R. James, Prospect House, Shelter Island, N.Y.

Did you not understand yesterday that we assumed the support of the Mission at the Sisseton Agency, Dakota, among the Sioux Indians? I think, however, no formal vote was taken on it.

1883 — July —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883, July 28 — Rev. José Y. Perea, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
I find nothing can be done about sending a teacher to the very interesting field you describe at Pajarito, New Mex. until you procure from Presbytery, or the Committee of the Presbytery of Santa Fé, a regular Bequest to the Board of Home Missions. If you can provide such an application I am hopeful that a teacher can be placed to work there. What would be needed in the way of equipment for a school? I presume its sessions can be conducted in the same building where you have church services.

1883 - July 27 — To - Rev. J. M. Shields, Jemez, New Mexico.
Please send me advice. At what point should two or three teachers traveling together stop in New Mexico to avoid traveling on Sunday? Shall they report at Las Vegas and from there go on to their respective stations?

1883 - July 28 — To Rev James A. Menaul, Albuquerque, N. Mexico.
So much work is needed in New Mexico that it seems very doubtful whether a school for the Mexicans can be attempted this year at Albuquerque. You have a good friend in Rev. Sheldon Jackson. He continues to remind me that you need an organ in your Church. I would like to know whether anyone has given you the promise of an organ, or whether you have any money towards the price of one. Would a Chapel Organ serve your purpose? Do the Indians of Prof. Bryan's school attend your Church? I have heard indirectly that they do not. Is there any reason why the boys do not do so? How far is your Church from the school?

1883— August

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883, August 1st,— To. Mrs. Horace Eaton, Palmyra, New York.

Dr. Kendall has just handed to me your letter of the 25th. He has probably made it plain to you that, while we are interested in the school work of the South and hopeful that, after a time, the way may be opened for the Woman's Executive Committee to conduct it under our Board of Home Missions in exactly the same way as that in the West, at present it must continue under the care of your Synodical Committee of New York. We have conferred with the teachers, Miss Ufford and Miss Ainsworth, who apparently are competent in every way to carry on the work there at Concord, North Car. Several times it has been said in our Executive Committee meetings that it would be appropriate to continue the Concord Schools in memory of Mrs. Graham who was so much interested in them. As to the selection of and paying the teachers, a synodical committee has nothing official to do. Our Woman's Executive Committee receives the applications for teaching positions; if the official certificates required in each case are acceptable, they are submitted to the Board of Home Missions for approval, and a commission is granted officially by that organization. Not until that grant is made can a teacher go to the field. The only schools that your Committee is at present responsible for, are those at Concord, North Carolina.

You ask if there is a Synodical Committee in every state. Only four Synods: Atlantic (negro), Kentucky, Iowa and Nebraska Synods have failed to appoint such a committee, but we have every reason to hope they will fall into line next fall. Not all synodical committees appointed are organized as that of your New York Synod.

1883, Aug. 1st— To— Mrs G. W. Cushing, East Orange, N. J.

One of our vice-presidents asked the other day, why we do not mention the names of the places where money is needed. The reason is that the Mormon and Roman Catholic priests would endeavor at once to stop us from obtaining any foothold, even in renting a room, to say nothing of buying a lot for a building.

1883, Aug. 13— To— Mrs. D. R. James, Bar Harbor, Maine.

With regard to employing a typewriter next winter it is most desirable, if not indispensable, that whoever is employed should have a knowledge of stenography; otherwise she would be of very little help to me. Will you please bear this in mind before engaging anyone?

1883 — August —

Excerpts from letters written by
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1883 Aug. 14 — To — Mrs. Stewart ? ?

The name of Miss Alice Hyson of your town has come to me via New Mexico as a suitable teacher for one of our mission schools in the west. You may know her personally. If you can give me any of her qualifications for this work, you will confer a favor. Is she such a person as you would like to have represent you on the mission field ?

1883, Aug. 15 — To — Mrs. B. F. Potter, Catskill Mt. House, Catskill, N.Y.

I am glad you have written in regard to Mrs. Young, although your question is rather difficult to answer. Mrs. Young seems to prefer to work in an independent way. She is not under the care of our Executive Committee, nor of the Board of Home Missions. Her husband, however, is a missionary in Alaska under our Board of Home Missions: anyone who gives money to Mrs. Young, must do it as a matter quite outside of our regular work, and at their own risk. We have no responsibility about it at present, and think our work is as truly one of "faith" as what is called so at times. Mr. and Mrs. Young will collect a good amount of money, no doubt, and good will be done, but an independent mission is apt to produce friction on the mission field. You can see that I write you confidentially.

1883, Aug. 17 — To — Mrs. Bryan, Allegheny, Penna

Mrs. James is so considerate, and says I must have a stenographer and typewriter, combined in one person, to help me three or four days each week next winter. I feel as if this would prolong my days.

1883, Aug. 17, — To — Mrs. Laura L. Curtis, Evanston, Ills.

I have a letter from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robe at the orphanage, Doaksville, Indian Territory, in which he writes that he has so many intreating him to take poor little orphan girls that he has determined to admit ten more, relying on the gifts of Christian women and missionary societies for their support. Our present force of helpers can care for this additional number.

1883 – August –

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883-Aug. 14, Miss Alice Kyson, Stewartstown, Penna.
Your name has come to me via New mexico and I would like to hear from you in case you would like to go as missionary teacher to the Mexicans in that territory. Good health is necessary as well as a consecrated heart and ability as a teacher. Please tell me how old you are, whether you can sing and play the organ. Unless you have enough experience to lead children in the Moody and Sankey hymns there is no place at present to which you could go. I would like to have you write to me to tell me your age and what teaching experience you have had.

1883-Aug 18– Memorandum of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines written at Bar Harbor, Maine.
"Wrote to Miss Clifford acknowledging receipt of her letter with reference to school in Concord, North Carolina."

1883-Aug 18– See lists – New schools and teachers under consideration.

1883-Aug 18– Mrs Augusta R. Moore, Muskogee, Indian Territory.
Thank you for the plans proposed for the new buildings. All seem conveniently arranged. At this distance we cannot help you and the committee much in determining the site for the mission but it does seem important to have it located near a railroad station to save expense for both people and transportation of supplies. If Tulsa is favored and a suitable site is available there you could build without delay.

1883-Aug 16– I trust your own willingness to leave your home for the wilderness will have good effect. Your sisters Alice and Grace also give up much that would be pleasant and remunerative to them in the east. The Lord bless you all. The teachers, including superintendents for the mission are as follows: Judge and Mrs. Moore, Superintendents,
Teachers: Mrs. Moore, Miss Grace Leeds Robertson,
Matron: Miss Alice M. Robertson
Seamstress and dressmaker; Miss S. A. Love.
Can you procure Indian help for actual drudgery, requiring more strength of body than you ought to exercise? What should you pay for that service?
Our Committee is anxious to try the cottage plan, as it will train the girls better how to keep their own homes, and will develop home life practically. It may be more expensive, but the superintendent will buy all stores in bulk, and have general oversight as if all were in one building.

1883 August

New schools in question, August 1883

California	San Diego	
New Mexico	San Bruces	(? spelling)
	Copper City	
	Pajarito	
	Dona Ana	(exclusively Mexican)
Utah	Fountain Green	
	Richmond	
	Mendon	
	Salina	
	Marysvale	
Idaho	Paris	Miss Sara J. Vaughn
	Montpelier	

Teachers needed August 1883

Utah	Salt Lake City	(suburbs)
	Nephi	
	Ogden	
	Fillmore	
Idaho—	Paris	
	Montpelier	
Utah—	Richmond	
	Salina	
	Marysvale	
	Mendon	
New Mexico	Albuquerque	Matron, Assistant Matron, Miss Annie Downs
	Mora	Miss Elizabeth M. Craig
	Jemez Springs	Miss E. A. Allison
	Copper City	
	San Bruces	(?)
	Las Vegas	Miss Anna Speakman
	Pajarito	
	Dona Ana	
	Santa Fe'	(one or two)

1883 — August

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

1883 — Aug 16 — To Mrs. S. Hall Young, Winfield, West Va.
Inquiries have come to me about your meetings. It may be helpful for me to know something of your plans, I shall be glad to hear from you. Hoping you and Mr. Young are well and the babies too, whom I would like to see.

1884 — Aug 24 — Rev. J. McGaughy, Santa Fé, New Mexico.
On what date should the sessions of our schools in New Mexico begin? After the meeting of your presbytery I would like to receive from you a full list of the mission schools in New Mexico with the name or names of teachers employed in each. Please allow a separate line or lines for each so we may see at a glance what vacancies are to be filled.

1883 August

New Teachers Engaged for Utah

1883 Aug	Utah —	Salt Lake City	Miss S. S. Jones
			Miss Lucie Lockwood
			Florence C. Moore
			Miss F. C. Cowdry
			Miss Clara Sanford
			Miss Josie Curtis
		Mendon	Miss Jennie McGintie

Teachers under consideration for Utah

Utah		Miss Mary Elmore
		Miss Juliette L. Rawles
		Miss Mary E. Hentz.

The above ten would meet present demand

Teachers accepted for New Mexico

New Mexico	Mora	Miss Eliz M. Craig
	Las Vegas	Miss Annie M. Speakman
		Miss Rebecca Rowland
		Miss Mary E. Gould
		Miss Marjetta L. Wright
		Miss L. A. Carothers

Teachers being considered for New Mexico

New Mexico	Albuquerque,	Miss Annie Downs (Cook and Matron Albuquerque)
		Miss E. M. Allison
		Miss Alice Hyson
		Miss Emma Webster (Lincoln, Ills) (Matron for Albuquerque)

(If accepted eleven positions in New Mexico will be filled)

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1883 August

1883, Aug 18, To Mrs. E. M. Hughes, Oxford, Ohio.
Next winter, one of our most valued of the Woman's Executive Committee expects to be in Washington, D.C., her husband having been elected to Congress. I hope you may become acquainted so as to be of mutual aid in this great work.

1883, Aug 31st. To Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.
Is your Synodical Committee organized with a president and secretary? And do you plan to hold a meeting in advance of that of the Synod in October? × × Work for the Sioux Indians at Sisseton, Dakota, is coming to our Woman's Executive Committee, and we need $3000. for it. Will Minnesota women be interested in this work, or is it too near? Will you send me a short article about Home Missions in Minnesota and Dakota?

1883, Aug. 31st, To Mrs. A. W. Bill, Menominee, Mich.
Please do not consider this request strange, but I wish you would send to me before September first, a short article on Home Missions from your viewpoint in the Lake Superior region. I would like it for the October issue of the Presbyterian Home Missionary of which the special topic will be "The Synods Michigan and Wisconsin." Let me say that you may do good in this way. Choose your own line of thought to accomplish this.
Is your Synodical Society organized with a president and secretary?

1883— September

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secy.

1883, Sept. 1st.— To— Miss Julia H. Johnston, Peoria, Illinois.
Happily, our work has grown so much that all this last month when away with my family, letters have been sent constantly to me for immediate reply and yesterday word came to me that the number waiting for my return is enormous. I am to have help, however, in the mechanical part of such work as the plan is to engage a stenographer.
Mrs. C. E. Walker has been this summer with her husband and son in Colorado, but the latter returns to school in Brooklyn and the former consents to having her give several months this fall and winter to promoting Home Missions. We are very thankful for this.

1883, Sept. 12— To Mrs. D. R. James,
Mrs. Austin to whom you kindly wrote would use her own typewriter, and should be paid at the rate of $15.= per week, or $2.50 per day, instead of $12.00 per week or $2.00 per day. A typewriter can be rented for $6.00 per month. It would be cheaper to pay this rent and her carfare and ferry at $1.38 per week, than to pay at the rate of $15.00 per week, or $2.50 per day. A typewriter can be rented at $6.00 per month. This with carfare and ferry would be cheaper than the $15.00 per week rate. There is advantage in hiring a typewriter at $6.00 per month, $60.= for ten months, rather than buying one for $100.
This is a matter I cannot present to the Committee as well as some other person. I had hoped you could talk with Mrs. Green about it. In all work done under the Board of Home Missions care is taken to pay only for time actually given.

1883, Sept. 13— To— Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Wooster, Ohio.
I am not impressed with the desire to show that women were moved by the Spirit, irrespective of the brethren, to undertake this work. Women had prepared only "boxes" to aid families of Home Missionaries until Mrs. E. J. Throop Martin and her friends, moved to do so by her daughter's letters telling of the spiritual destitution in New Mexico, began school work.— It was the influence of Dr. Sheldon Jackson who led General Assembly to take action to apportion this work to the Women of the Presbyterian Church.

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Number of Missionary Teachers, September 1883.

	On the Field	To Go
Mormon	57	7
New Mexico	45	6
Southern California	2	4
Texas	1	
Indian Territory	15	2
Alaska	19	
Total	139	19
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	158	average salary $450.–

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1883 — October —

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary -

1883 - Oct 6 - To - Miss Hattie E. Woodward, Adams, N. Y.
If a teacher continues her work on the mission field for three years her travelling expenses are paid one way for her return home for a vacation; if she remains five years we pay transportation both ways.

1883 - Oct. 25 - To - Rev. J. Loomis Gould, Haydah Mission, Alaska.
From Mrs. Hatch of Fayetteville, New York, I learn that you desire to print a primary school book for Haydah children. What would be the size of the book? Can you give us an estimate of its cost? The printing might be done in Portland, Oregon, but you know best about this. Possibly in New York pictures to illustrate it could be obtained more easily. It is our wish that our schools be supplied with such books and other equipment needed. Your friends at Fayetteville would doubtless be glad to provide the money needed. Further correspondence regarding your mission may be addressed to Mrs. James R. Ham, 23 Center Street, New York.

1883 - Oct 25 - To Mrs. Dr. Barrows, 22d St., Chicago, Ills
We had good meetings at Alton, and hope the women of Chicago will soon organize for Home Missions. The work elsewhere in Illinois is more encouraging than ever before. Nine presbyterial societies are organized for Home Missions, three of them in connection with Foreign Missions as well. We know of much to be done but the money to undertake more is not in sight. One dollar now will probably do more than ten dollars five years hence.

1883, Oct. 25, - To Miss Alice Hyson, Stewartstown, Pa.
A note just received from Rev. J. M. Gaughey tells me that you may be ready now to go to New Mexico. Please let me know.

1883, Oct. 24 - To - Miss Fannie R. Burke, Logueville, Utah.
To save time and strength I am obliged to dictate some letters, but do not think this removes you farther from my heart. How much I would like to see you and the other dear workers who may be doing so quietly more than we think to undermine Mormonism. I hope to see Rev. D. J. McMillan in New York this week.

1883 October

From letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1883. Oct. 6th To Mrs. S. H. McMullin, Glendale, Ohio.

Now about the Freedmen. This note is unofficial but I must say we are anxious and hopeful to have this Southern work brought into line with ours, and sympathize fully with our Vice-President Mrs. R. H. Allen in her efforts for it. No one wants a "third-party" but we cannot do anything just now.

1883, Oct. 23d To Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., Englewood, N. J.

Why is there so much delay in forwarding money to our missions? I find it raises prejudice out-West against our Committee and the Board itself.

1883. Oct 23d, To Mrs. M. C. Lyle, 160 Walnut St, Lexington, Ky.

I am very glad to know that you have organized Ebenezer Presbyterial Society, and am hoping that the Synod has appointed a Synodical Committee in Kentucky.

1883, Oct. 23d to Mrs. Ashbel Green, Denafly, N. J.

We expect our teachers to give their time to the work of teaching, visiting afternoons and evenings, and to holding services on Sunday at $400.— or $500. — per year for eleven months. Mrs. M— was really away from the office about four weeks of this time, but we are paying her for six days a week at the rate of one dollar per day. I have thought that I could give one day a week at the office, to be there to answer questions and to do my work there on that day rather than at home. That would not be as inconvenient as you might think, because I now average one day a week there outside of meeting days to confer with the secretaries. In this way we could reduce expenses, paying Mrs. M.— $500. instead of $600.— You can see that any help that we may engage to write letters will probably average five dollars per week. I think the fairest plan is to pay by the hour. Mrs. Walker and others who have helped have worked on that basis, but that plan may not be feasible now in Mrs. M— 's case, though fairest for the work. Mrs. James and I have thought the office expenses ought to be and could be reduced.

1883 — October —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. L. E. H. Haines
Secy

1883, Oct. 27th. For Mrs. W. A. West, Harrisburg, Penna.
Having just returned from the near-west, and having seen what the churches recently established and supported by the Board of Home Missions are now able to do for Foreign Missions convinces me that for the sake of the whole world, it is wise economy to expend much effort promptly in our own land!

1883. Oct. 30th, To Miss E. S. Dickey, 830 Capitol St., Philadelphia, Penna.
We could not hold a conference yesterday, but Dr. Roberts will have returned from the west and I expect to see him today. I know he expects to be in Philadelphia next Sunday, Nov. 4th and we can send to you in addition, Miss McKean, Rev D. J. McMillan, Mrs. Charles E. Walker, and probably, Miss Alice M. Robertson and Dr. Sheldon Jackson. Let us know the length of time you will need these speakers, as we can then plan for meetings in New York.

1883. Oct. 30, To Mrs. H. Mary Cushman, Reading, Penna.
I wish so much that the women of our churches knew more of the needs for work. If they knew they would provide the money. We have really been called to a full stop in taking up new work, and your heart would ache if you knew about the calls we have had to decline. Will you all pray at your meeting that these needs may be supplied?

1883, Oct. 30th, To Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Penna.
As to the need for Synodical Committees after every presbytery is organized for work, some organization is necessary to gather annual reports from the presbyteries, to condense them and present them to Synod, also to our Executive Committee. This implies organization. To retain the distinctive element of power attained from the recognition and commission of women to do this Home Mission work, it is imperative that the synod continue to appoint a synodical committee annually. It may not be necessary to have two women from every presbytery on a synodical committee but desirable if one were disabled.

1883— October

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883 - Oct. 30th, To - Mrs. Dr. McCauley, Chester, Penna.

I am glad to have your good report of the Pittsburgh meeting, also of Mrs. Young, giving a general report of work in Alaska. I was sorry that she said afterwards that she would not do this again but would confine her account to her own school. I think it will be necessary for anyone engaging Mrs. Young to speak, to limit her time as she could crowd out other speakers.

1883 — November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secy

1883 Nov. 5 — To Miss Annie McKean, (Teacher on speaking tour) Philadelphia, Pa.
You asked advice about what to say at meetings: "Now, that you go among strangers, I think you would better omit the remarks about not getting a husband yourself. It may cause a smile but it will be in better taste and effect to omit it. It may not seem worth speaking about but my attention was called to it, and you will excuse the suggestion.

1883 Nov. 8 — To Mr. Charles G. Blatchley, 308 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
I am greatly encouraged to receive yours of the 6th instant. Just now we are in pressing need to pay bills at El Paso, Texas. Mrs. McWhirt there, according to instructions sent by us, found a small room that would serve pro tem, and opened a school in September with thirty pupils, eighteen chairs and four books. You can imagine the inconvenience, the hard work and the discouragements. Rev. Mr. Merill writes from El Paso, that there might be fifty pupils if a schoolroom were furnished to receive them. We have several speakers in your city this week, one of whom might address your Sunday school, but don't allow them to divert your interest from El Paso. At present our need there includes Miss McWhirt's salary $600.—; Rent, probably, $150.—; School furniture, books, slates, maps, stationery, etc., $150.+, the total of which $800.— should cover this coming year's needs.

1883 Nov. 12, — To Woman's Executive Committee
in Account with Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary
from September 10th to November 12, 1883.

Postage stamps	$11.	52
Telegrams	2	50
Electric pen materials and repairs	1	35
Clerical help and stenographer	16	—
Rent of caligraph	5	—
Expenses, New York to Altoona, Pa.	12	20
" Altoona to Toledo, Ann Arbor, including hotels by account given by Dr. Roberts	17	75
" from Ann Arbor, Mich. to and at St. Louis,	16	70
" " St. Louis to Alton, Ills.	—	95
" " Alton to New York,	31	45
Total —	$115.	42

1883— November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines secy

1883, Nov. 9— To- Mrs. E. G. Whitire, Easton, Pa.
I heard with pleasure of the organization of the Presbyterial Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Lehigh. In regard to introducing the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" to your churches, sample copies can be sent more cheaply from the publisher's office. I cannot say what number can be sent to each church, but will give more definite facts after receiving a list of the churches with the address of a responsible member in each church who will attend to the circulation of the paper.

1883, Nov. 10, To- Mrs. Darwin R. James, 1412 I St, Washington, D.C.
As we hear indirectly that Mrs. S. Hall Young will visit Washington you may like to know that she has not yet come under the direction and control of our Board of Home Missions, and friends giving money, to or for her must do it on their own responsibility. Mr. Young is a commissioned worker of our Board of Home Missions but this does not affect any independent work his wife may conduct. We are in great need of money for our regular work, and this outside call has interfered with our receipts.
I do not know what Brooklyn, as well as our Committee, can do without you, even pro-tem.

1883- Nov. 15, To- Mrs. G. A. Bryon, 117 N. St, Galesburg, Ills.
I have wanted to tell you of the satisfaction several expressed to me as to the manner in which you presided that day. It seemed to me you did wonderfully well, was calm, yet pressed the business through promptly. I think the Spirit of the Lord was present; impressions were made that work for Christian missions must be attended to in our own land.— As to the trying part of your experience which I had not known, but I am sorry to tell you that it is no new experience to Home Mission workers. I think our prayer must be: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." When such treatment began, my first fear was that it would re-act to the disadvantage of Foreign Missions, rather than to the injury of the Home Mission cause. But it is a great comfort to know that the Lord knows all about it. × × ×
We want very much to have presbyterial treasurers trained to send their money to Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treasurer, once in three months. You can see the importance of this, when I tell you that all of our mission teachers are paid quarterly. The exact amount of each gift should be accompanied by the name of the church, so it can be reported in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" and also in the Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions. In Illinois there must be about 28,000 women in the Presbyterian church. Taking "rich and poor" together, at the rate of $1.00 from each you can see what a work could be done.

1883 November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883, Nov. 17, To – Rev. Sidney S. McRoberts, Stamford, Kentucky.
I acknowledge a little disappointment that the Synod of Kentucky did not this fall appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee. Those of us who have tried working for missions without or with the direct commission from Synod, realize the added force gained in the latter case. Probably the women of Kentucky do not realize the advantages of the union secured in all but the synods of Kentucky, Iowa and Atlantic, and have not therefore cared for your endorsement, for it is never the idea that Synod should ignore those women who are at work already, but rather to confirm them to more permanent service. Although the special union is, of course, postponed, could you send to me names of any women who might like to open correspondence with us?

1883 – Nov. 20 – To Mrs Ashbell Green
I think it quite important that we should have a <u>Committee on Ways and Means</u> now that the work is so large. Many matters could be referred to such a committee. We are not doing some things in a business-like manner and this seems a good time to establish right precedents.

1883 – Nov. 20 – To – Rev. James A. Worden, D.D. (Copied from letter of Miss Salome Verbeck, Mora, New Mexico)
"Could you furnish us with anything to make our Sabbath School more attractive? Charts, scrolls or anything for blackboard teaching, even a last year's set would do very well. I prefer the lessons from the New Testament to this year's lessons. Our pupils may not remain longer than this winter, and I would like to have them get the lessons about our Savior."

1883 – Nov. 20 – To – Mrs. Dennis S. Hamlin, Troy, New York.
We do not know who will hold the property bought there by Mrs. Young at Port Wrangel. I may say however, that the whole state of the Mission is now under very careful consideration by our Board of Home Missions, and I have no doubt that all will be guided for the best. x x All the work of the Woman's Synodical Committee of New York is under the direction of the Woman's Executive Committee, just as in other synods. There is one exception which by mutual agreement we wink at, hoping it may lead to larger work of the kind for our Committee. I refer to the school for "Poor Whites" of the South – "Whitehall", Concord, North Carolina, which must be continued. Money for it must be especially contributed for it and not taken from General Fund. Mrs. Grahame's society had supported it. Mrs. John Sinclair, Treasurer of New York Synodical Committee, (see over)

passes on to our treasurer, Mrs Boyd, the funds received for it once a month. Mrs Sinclair, and Mrs Hartley Brown who is president of the New York Synodical Committee, attend meetings of our Executive Committee when able to do so, and all is harmonious.

1883 — November — Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy

1883 - Nov. 20, To - Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
The Executive Committee has bought a Calegraph from Messrs. Barron and Fracker, 27 Union Square, New York, which they sold to us with table and other essentials at reduced rates to the amount of seven or eight dollars. They wish to know the cost of an advertisement in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" requiring about two inches of a column, and they wish me to write a line saying I have used the equipment with satisfaction. I spoke to Mr. Eaton about the matter and he refers it to you.

1883, Nov. 23, To - Miss Rebecca Bryson, Mechanicsburg, Penna.
Yesterday I conferred with Mr. O. E. Boyd, Recording Secretary of our Board of Home Missions, who has just returned from Utah. Let me say that Miss Chambers' legacy of $190.- will help very much in buying a lot for a Chapel School-house in the Bear Lake Valley, Idaho; either at Montpelier or at Paris where we want to begin a school as soon as possible. The teachers for these points are engaged and ready for work, but we need money in hand to buy a lot. We have money, given by Mrs. T. M. Sinclair of Iowa, for a lot at one of these locations but need enough to secure land at the other locality. We want to build six chapels, averaging $1200.- each including the lot, but the cost to us is only $600.- each, as the Board of Church Erection will supply the balance. The chapels are to be located at Montpelier and Paris, Idaho; Scipio, Salina, Monroe and Pleasant Grove, Utah.

1883, Nov. 28, To - Mrs. B. F. Potter, Schenectady, N. Y.
Within a week we have had special conferences with Mr. O. E. Boyd and Rev. D. J. McMillan who have returned from an exploring tour in New Mexico and Utah. We have been consulting with these gentlemen regarding every separate mission in detail. It is very hard to be obliged to decline much new work, waiting for someone to do, but must believe the Lord will provide in His own time.

1883, Nov. 30, To - Mrs. F. L. Fisher, Knoxville, Tennessee
Your note telling that Mrs. McClung was released from suffering on the 17th instant, came while our Executive Committee was in session. I was advised to express our sympathy to our fellow workers in Tennessee. One of our number said: "We feel that we, ourselves, have lost a valuable helper." From the beginning of our work she has had large views of the whole matter. While realizing the needs of Tennessee, she looked into other parts of our homeland, and into what must be done beyond its limits as well.

1883 — November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1883 Nov. 13 — To Miss Mary Elmore, Washingtonville, Orange Co, New York.

I am glad you are interested in our school work and that you do not wholly relinquish the idea of going to the needy field. Mrs. Haines asks me to write to you. — Will you not therefore allow me, a commissioned teacher, under the Woman's Executive Committee, encourage you in the consecration of yourself to this work? The daughter and grand-daughter of missionaries among the Indians, I have known from earliest recollections the lights and shadows of missionary life, and after years of effort to be content with easier work, more lucrative employment in the east, I have gladly gone back to try to follow in the footsteps of the dear ones who have entered into their reward. In doing this I feel that I am striving for the very best thing life can give, and already I have received the greatest nearness to God, the joy in my own heart, such recompense as I did not know earth could give. Pardon me for writing so personally, but I do want to tell you what a happy thing it is.

— Alice M. Robertson.

1883 Nov. 21 — To — Rev. E. M. Knox, Malad City, Idaho.

We were so sorry to receive Mrs. Knox's note of resignation. Though we realize the necessities of the case it has not really been considered. We regret to spare her but hope the change may be of service to her health. Our Committee advised me to make some inquiries. — x x x We are trying to procure reports from our teachers everywhere in a more complete and systematic way. For instance: We ask that to every quarterly report a statement shall be appended showing all money received for tuition, music lessons outside of the school-room included, also an itemized account of expenses incurred for the school, such as fuel, light, cleaning, small repairs, all to be deducted from receipts. Any balance will be credited on the salary if plus — or made up by our Committee if minus.

1883 — November

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F.E.H. Haines Secretary

1883 Nov. 1st To Mrs. S. H. McMullen, Glendale, Ohio.

I read the singular notice from the Stated Clerk, declining full entertainment to the Synod at Wooster on account of the Woman's Home Mission Committee; and this, after it was understood that you were to pay your own expenses. Judging from experiences elsewhere there is reason to believe that all such matters will be understood in time.

We are grateful for your interest and promises for the El Paso, Texas, school. It has begun favorably. Mrs. McWhirt has 35 scholars and could have 50. We need $150.- to pay the rent and obtain furniture and books. Mrs. McWhirt began with only eighteen chairs and four books, and we have no money in the treasury for this need. To meet this exigency and to supply other schools, as well, we have borrowed some money.

1883 Nov. 1st To Miss Stella A. Bell, 125 West 126th Street, New York, N.Y.

It is proposed to have a Home Mission meeting in every Presbyterian church in New York City, either in November or later in the winter. Your pastor will be consulted about having such a meeting in your church. We have good speakers to represent the cause: Mrs. Walker from Colorado, Miss McKean and Rev. D.J. McMillan from Utah, and Miss Robertson from Indian Territory.

1883, Nov. 1st To Mrs. Fisher, Knoxville, Tennessee

Your promptness in reporting the action of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of Tennessee is quite proof to me of its wise choice of a secretary, and I thank you for the information your letter contains. I do not wonder that you think that most of your work lies within the bounds of your own Synod, and I hope that what you are doing in the Cumberland Mountains will be greatly blessed. However, I hope that money will be sent from Tennessee to help in the support of mission schools in Utah and elsewhere.

1883_ November

Excerpts from Mrs. F.E.H. Haines,
Secy

1883_ Nov. 1st_ To_ Mrs. M. L. Armstrong, Fayetteville, New York
I was away in the west at the time of the Synodical Meeting in New York City but learned that Mrs. Hartley Brown was made president in place of our dear Mrs. Eaton who had desired to be relieved of office even before the great sorrow that she is experiencing had come so suddenly upon her. Please let me know when you come to New York. You are associated in my mind and heart as having large views as to the best interests of our special work.

1883, Nov. 2,_ To_ Rev. Dr. Porter, Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut
The Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D., of whose pioneer missionary work in Alaska, Utah and elsewhere you may have heard, may visit New Haven soon. If convenient to you I would like to have you give him the opportunity to address the faculty and students of your college to arrouse the attention of young men to their duty regarding the urgent and pressing needs of our own country.

1883 December

Extracts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1883, Dec. 1st – Rev. J. Ralston Smith, D.D., Buffalo, N.Y.
In regard to Mrs. M. E. Boyd, she did live in New Jersey, but has had her residence in New York City for more than two years.

1883, Dec. 3d, To – Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Weedsport, New York.
I have not forgotten your earnest letter regarding the petition to Congress. It has been brought twice before our committee, but our members are not ready to act on it as a committee. Our work is definite, connected closely with that of the Board of Home Missions, and as a Committee of the Church, we have no right to take up side issues however desirable and important. The matter is not quite "laid on the table". I am to get further information. × × What do you know about the new Anti-Polygamy association started in Ohio? May the Lord provide – the Holy Spirit without whom every effort is in vain.

1883, Dec. 3d – To – Mrs Darwin R. James, 1412 I Street, Washington, D.C.
Shall I repeat again, and again how much we miss you! I read to Dr. Roberts a part of your letter relating to Mrs. Young, and the question about our taking her mission if she is willing, was brought before our committee. We sent word to the Board of Home Missions that we would do so in case Mrs. Young agreed to work under such regulations as the Board would require. If she would not, we asked that a statement be printed in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" that her work is independent, and that donors contributing to its support must do so on their own responsibility, or something to that effect. Can you write an article for us on the privilege and duty presented to the women of New York churches in the rapidly opening opportunities in the destitute portions of our land?

1883, Dec. 4, To – Miss Ella K. Wheedon, 108 South Street, Syracuse, N.Y.
Every donation, however small, helps the object Miss Robertson has so much at heart. She is with us in New York just now because she can attend some meetings of importance here. There is no use for her in Indian Territory until the school buildings there are completed, and we need her help here to raise funds.

1883, Dec. 6, To – Mrs. Frank H. Green, Carmel, New York.
Your experience agrees with that of others as to the importance of making meetings interesting in order to secure attendance. I wish our Christian women could be trained so as not to expect entertainment at such meetings, but to appreciate the opportunity to unite in prayer for our country that it may be delivered from evil.

1883_ December

1883, Dec. 7_ To_ Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing, East Orange, New Jersey.
I am glad you make inquiries regarding Whitehall Seminary, Roanoke, North Carolina. To begin let me say that the Woman's Synodical committee of New York and the Woman's Executive committee are so closely associated that one is virtually a part of the other. There are now Synodical committees of Home Missions in all but three synods of our church. The officers of these committees with a few local officers living in or near New York City constitute the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. The relationship is similar to that of the state government to the Government of the United States. This you see places the work in New York on the same basis as that of Pennsylvania, Texas and elsewhere. Since the Ladies' Board of Missions of New York has resolved itself into a purely Foreign Missionary Society methods have been simplified without misunderstanding and friction.
Whitehall Seminary has been under the care of Mrs. Graham's society and was not in any way conducted by our Board of Home Missions. It was an exceptional case, and the only solution was to allow the Woman's Synodical committee of Home Missions of New York to receive money for it and to carry on without our committee taking special action regarding it. Therefore, any funds you may receive for this school should be sent to Mrs. John Sinclair, Treasurer, 30 Broadway, New York.
We are much interested in this southern work, and I truly hope that the way may be opened for our committee to accept it and to give increased effort to it. We must submit the question to the General Assembly before we can do anything of the kind.

1883, Dec. 7, To- Mrs. J. E. Allen, St. Louis, Mo.
Now, that your Board has an interest in Alaska, Utah, New Mexico and Indian Territory we hope you will be ready to undertake the support of more teachers

1883, Dec. 7, To_ Mrs. S. A. Bonner, Greensburg, Indiana.
We also regret the necessity of making changes in teachers. Your idea of supporting a "chair" is excellent, and I shall hope to remember it.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. L.E.H. Haines, Secy

1883. Dec. 20. — To Miss Margaret Davis, Newport, Ky.

Yours is not the only letter about the distressing subject of the newspaper reports. The story is a great exaggeration; the one grain of truth being the fact that young Dr. McFarland overworked during the absence of Rev. Mr. Young, and seemed for a time to lose perfect control of his mind. As far as we can learn the only thing he did was to push his aunt somewhat roughly when she expostulated with him in regard to some statement she made. Dr. Kendall and Dr. Roberts have already sent a card to the Associated Press stating the truth. The Alaskan traders are only too eager to seize upon anything that can be made to work to the disadvantage of the missionaries, since it is by their aid that the Indians are informed of the true market value of commodities, and the traders find their profits diminished. One object of the mission is the reformation of just such girls as are mentioned, so you can see how easy it was to make just such a distorted version, of which 99/100 is utterly false.

1883, Dec. 20, — To Mrs. Peyton Harrison, 90 Read St., Baltimore, Md.

I had not understood that you had declined the appointment of the Synod of Baltimore, and had not heard whether any additions to the Committee appointed in 1882 had been made at the meeting of Synod in October 1883, although I had written about it to the Stated Clerk. Our Committee has no power to accept resignations as your appointment was direct from the Synod. However, if unable to serve, we would like you to give us the address of another with whom we may correspond and who would virtually take your place, though the responsibility, after all, would rest on you, unless you are relieved from it by Synod. — I think, if you desire it, if you would take the matter to the Presbytery of Baltimore, that body would have the right to appoint another in your place.

1883, Dec. 21, To — Mrs. L. H. Langdon, Elizabeth, N.J.

I am so very glad to know that you may be able to take up our work again after the New Year. About the baby organ: Lillie Paul is at the Upper Chilcat Village, and my understanding is that the organ was to go there to be the property of the mission but to be used by Lillie Paul.

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1883, Dec. 27 — To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

I write to you today as chairman of the Womans Synodical Committee of Colorado. Our Executive Committee has decided to appropriate $1000.= for the purchase of the paper "El Anciano" that has been published hitherto by Rev. Alexander M. Darley of Trinidad, Colorado, and which the Board of Home Missions considers a very important agency for good in that part of our country among the Spanish-speaking population. We would like to raise the $1000. in Colorado. I have written Rev. George P. Hays, D.D., at Denver, stating facts and asking him to aid your Synodical Committee to devise some means by which the amount can be so apportioned among societies as to attain the desired object. He seems to think the Women of Colorado will be interested in a definite object so near to them and the needs of their own section of our country.

1883, Dec. 27 — To — Mrs. D. E. Finks, Denver, Colo.

I am writing every member of the Synodical Committee of Colorado asking for an effort on your part to purchase type, etc., to publish the paper "El Anciano." Rev. Dr. Hays has all facts and can advise with you. I hope you find residence in Denver pleasant. How is that dear little daughter who came to represent Colorado at Saratoga more than four years ago. I wish you and she could have been there this last May to notice the difference in the reception given to the Woman's Work in Home Missions.

1883, Dec. 28 — To Mrs. J. A. Blanchard, 410 — 4th St, Des Moines, Iowa.

If you wish you may write to Professor R. W. D. Bryan of the Indian School at Albuquerque, New Mexico, who will give you the name of a special pupil, either boy or girl to whose support your gift of $50.= may be appropriated. Let me say, however, that because of changes and complications, we are trying gradually to develop a plan by which scholarships shall be known by number rather than by the name of the pupil.

1883 Dec. 28 — To — Mrs. George D. Phelps, Park Ave., New York, N.Y.

Upon my return from a visit to Albany and Troy Presbyteries I was encouraged to hear that you may give our committee some help in writing short articles for three or four of the Presbyterian, religious periodicals, to interest readers in the work of our committee. We need to circulate information culled from letters and reports received from the mission fields, but duties here at the office leave no time to accomplish it. I write just now to invite you to attend a special meeting called by our president, Mrs. Isabel Green, for Monday, January 6, at 10 a.m. We usually meet for 4 or 5 hours. Our office is at 23 Center Street, on the fourth floor.

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1883, Dec. 29 — To — Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Let me just remind you to be extra careful while attending western meetings to say nothing in public or in private which might even indirectly reflect on the Board of Foreign Missions.

1883, Dec. 29. To — Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah.

I have not heard from you directly for sometime but the accounts received from your Institute continue to be very encouraging. I hope that another year the new Board of Colleges and Academies will give you a still larger appropriation. I think I have sent you word that this Board was hardly two minutes old when your circulars were put in the hands of Dr. Herrick Johnson. Dr. West of Harrisburg had them ready to do this as immediately as possible. I am glad Dr. McNiece is improved in health, and I hope Mrs. Coyner is able to work with comfort.

1883, Dec. 29 — To — Miss Laura Sunderland, Washington, D.C.

I have heard through Rev. John Cyn Carter of Baltimore of your appointment to the Woman's Synodical Committee for the Presbytery of Washington City. Believing you will be glad to know something of the duties involved, I enclose a leaflet, but I cannot do better than to give you the address of Mrs. Darwin R. James, 1412 I Street, N.W. of your city. Without disparagement to the other members of your committee, she is the most valued and helpful member on it, and I am sure she can answer many questions you may desire to ask. She is a Vice-President of our Executive Committee and can assist you. I find there are thirty-one churches in your presbytery, and am sorry the Synod did not appoint an assistant to relieve you but Mrs. James can speak with authority.

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Secretary

1883- Dec. 21- To- Miss Fannie Burke, Toquerville, Utah.
I thank you for your letter, and for all the information it gives. Such items help us much in interesting societies in Utah work. I write to beg you not to feel discouraged because of your inability to keep up your school. You are reaching the people in a better way perhaps! We consider the school only a means to an end, and if the end is gained, we have reason to be satisfied. I am very pleased with your account of your visits to so many people. It seems almost providential that so much sickness should have occurred to open the way for you. You ask how to attract pupils into the school. Do any of them need clothing that might be provided by our societies? Do you receive as much reading matter as you can use to advantage? The Lord knows all the circumstances, and will show the way that shall be to His glory and the good of the mission.

1883- Dec. 28- To- Rev. E. M. Knox, Malad City, Idaho.
We are quite troubled about reports that some mission teachers indulge in card-playing and dancing. I have no right to decide what Christians elsewhere may do, but certainly in the peculiar position of our teachers, representing in a measure the Gospel and the Presbyterian Church in Mormondom, the case is different. We consider it your duty to write plainly to us, giving the name of every one under your care as missionary teacher who thus is bringing discredit on the work. Nothing will be made public, but I need to write to each on the subject and to warn others against undue fondness for dress and society.